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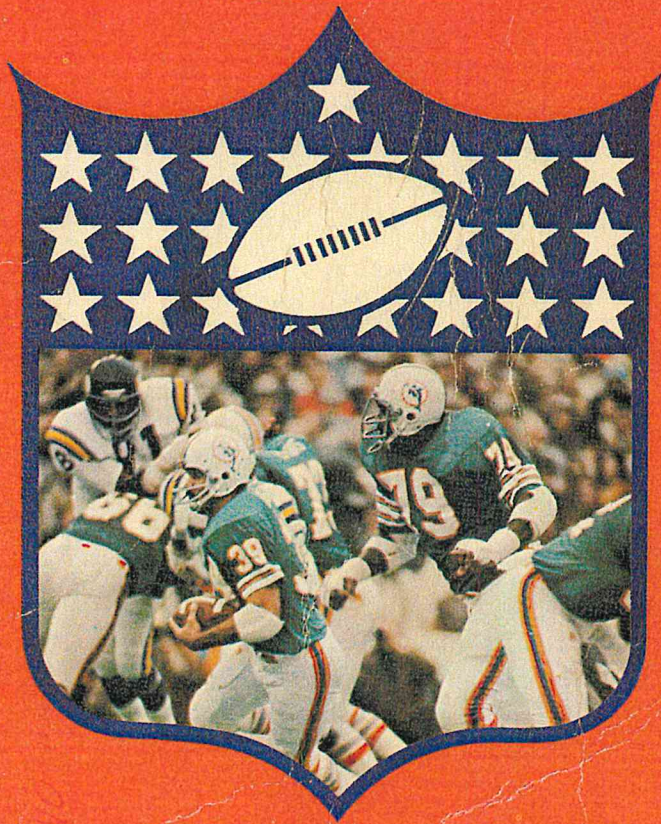

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1974 PREVIEW

No, Pete Rozelle hasn't grown shoulder-length hair. There will be no psychedelic colored uniforms. And they won't substitute rock music for the National Anthem.

But make no mistake about it. The National Football League has gone mod.

In an unprecedented series of sweeping changes, the owners adopted nine new playing rules earlier this year. Rules that will not only alter the complexion of the game, but perhaps even revolutionize it.

So get ready. Here they come. These are the changes you'll be seeing when the new-look NFL makes its debut this summer and fall:

1. Sudden death. All preseason and regular season games ending in ties will have a sudden death period not to extend beyond 15 minutes.

2. All kickoffs will be made from the 35- instead of the 40-yard line.

3. Goal posts will be moved from the goal line to the end line.

4. On unsuccessful field goals from beyond the 20-yard line, the ball will be returned to the line of scrimmage.

5. On all punts and field goal attempts, the offensive team may not leave the line of scrimmage until the ball is kicked.

6. Receivers may be bumped only once after they have advanced three yards beyond the line of scrimmage.

7. Wide receivers blocking a man toward the flow of the ball cannot block below the waist.

8. Wide receivers cannot be roll-blocked or have their legs cut from under them at the line of scrimmage.

9. The penalty for holding, illegal use of hands, and tripping has been reduced from 15 to 10 yards when

the infraction occurs in the area of the line of scrimmage and three yards beyond.

What the NFL has tried to do is open up the game again.

And so, in an era of sophisticated defenses and field goal dominated games, they've tried to put some oomph back in the offense. They've attempted to revive the clockwork precision between passer and receiver. They've done everything they can to restore the broken field kick return. And hopefully, they've taken at least part of the spotlight away from the placekickers and returned it to the men whose specialty is speed and finesse.

Opinion is generally divided as to which new rule will have the greatest effect. Some feel it will be the added drama of sudden death. Others think it will be returning the ball to the line of scrimmage after missed field goals. And still another group envisions all sorts of far out tricks and formations now that the kicking team is pinned to the line of scrimmage on punts and field goal attempts.

Whatever happens, though, there's little doubt the game will look different. The National Football League has taken a walk on the wild side.

And the sport, itself, may never be the same again.

They will come swaggering into the new season together. The team that has dominated football, and the runner who has swiveled his way to immortality. The Miami Dolphins and O.J. Simpson. The number one team and the number one player.

They will both be there, fresh from establishing new levels of excellence. Each striving to improve, each hoping to edge just that much closer to perfection in this, the National Football League's fifty-fifth season.

First, the Dolphins, with that impeccable balance, that computerized offense, that deceptively effective defense. There have been three consecutive appearances in the Super Bowl and two victories in a row on Super Sunday. And now here they come again, their blockers mowing down everyone in sight, their

While Rams led NFC in rushing, Harold Jackson caught 13 TDs.

runners galloping into open spaces, their zone defense enveloping opponents like some huge, invisible net. And after all the winning, after all the amazing success, this much is certain about Don Shula and his remarkable players: Someone will have to beat them. They won't beat themselves.

Simpson, of course, arrives back in Buffalo after a season in which he personally gained more rushing yardage than many National Football League teams. The final total was 2,003, and perhaps the best way to put that achievement in proper perspective is to point out that Larry Csonka, Miami's Super Bowl most valuable player, finished HIS regular season with 1,003 yards. An even 1,000 less.

O. J., the virtuoso, is also the leader of an exciting, young pack in Buffalo. The Bills, a band of promising accompanists performing in a shiny, new theater, are suddenly legitimate. And Simpson, with some 3,254 yards rushing the past two years, has every intention to keep on truckin'.

O. J. Simpson outgained 15 teams with his 2,003 yards.

Meanwhile, new teams and new players will streak—if you'll pardon the expression—into the spotlight. In New York, two new eras begin, with Bill Arnsparger, the Miami defensive expert, moving to the Giants and Charley Winner assuming control of the Jets. At the other end of the country, Tommy Prothro takes his big-play offense and slow southern drawl to San Diego, where he'll attempt to revive the Chargers.

The powerful, omnipresent teams such as Oakland, Dallas, Washington, and Minnesota appear as powerful and omnipresent as ever. But then, they'll have to be to repel the challenges of the new playoff contenders such as Denver and Philadelphia.

Then there are the clubs that returned to championship caliber last year, such as Los Angeles and Cincinnati. Both young. Both improving. And those that hope to surge back with the help of exceptional drafts. Teams such as Kansas City and Baltimore.

Although the runners continued to burst for more than their share of yardage, there was a hint last year

that the passing spectaculars of seasons gone by could be making a comeback. At least the bomb officially returned to NFL playbooks. There was Roman Gabriel to Harold Carmichael in Philadelphia, Ken Anderson to Isaac Curtis in Cincinnati, and John Hadl to Harold Jackson in Los Angeles.

And yet, the trend to quicker, more mobile quarterbacks continued. Miami's Bob Griese, Oakland's Ken Stabler, Dallas's Roger Staubach and, of course, Minnesota's Fran Tarkenton proved that scramblers can do more than scramble. They also can win.

A year ago, rookies made a startling impact. Chuck Foreman's stylish running gave the Vikings' offense a new look. Wally Chambers became a defensive presence in Chicago. Charles Young looked like a prototype of the new breed tight end for Philadelphia. And Cincinnati's Boobie Clark once again demonstrated that the best draft choices aren't always chosen first.

Now a new batch of newcomers will be welcomed. Ed (Too Tall) Jones will try to measure up in Dallas. Colorado's Bo Matthews may be part of a new bull backfield in San Diego. Outland trophy winner John Hicks will attempt to clear new paths to glory for the Giants. And flashy Woody Green will be asked to serve Kansas City as a quality heavy duty runner.

The races, themselves, should be more competitive than ever. In the NFC's Eastern Division, for example, the champion Cowboys once again will be confronted by a Washington team that appears to have helped itself considerably in the off-season. The Redskins didn't draft many rookies. George Allen wouldn't think of it. But they did acquire a former all-pro guard in Walt Sweeney from San Diego and lured a new quarterback, ex-Notre Dame All-America Joe Theismann, out of Canada. The Cowboys and Redskins better keep an eye over their shoulders, too. Roman Gabriel came to town to give the Eagles an exciting new offense last year. Now Philadelphia coach Mike McCormack is working on his defense. Once he gets that together, they may all have to watch out. In St.

There's new muscle in Philadelphia, where Roman Gabriel rules.

Minnesota's John Gilliam is a prototype of the fluid wide receiver.

Louis, Don Coryell's problems are similar. He had the good hit, no defense blues, himself, last year. But along the way, he sprung some memorable upsets. That's the best thing about the NFC East. There are no soft touches anymore.

The same can't be said about the NFC's Central Division, where Minnesota cruised to the title in 1973. Detroit is hoping to patch up its defense and Green Bay, a playoff team just two years ago, would like to find a regular quarterback. In Chicago, the look of the Bears' defense will never be the same now that Dick Butkus has announced his retirement. The great middle linebacker left the game after nine years.

Coach of the year Chuck Knox may find it difficult to improve upon that 12-2 rookie year in Los Angeles. But Penn State's Heisman trophy running back John Cappelletti will be available to help him try in the NFC's Western Division. The new power in the division seems to be forming in Atlanta, where Norm Van Brocklin's Falcons would have swept into the playoffs, had it not been for a late-season lapse. At least the team found a number one quarterback, and this season, Bob Lee will be there from the beginning. The San Francisco 49ers? Well, John Brodie has retired, so Dick Nolan has to find a new leader and, while he's at it, some new runners and defenders to go with him. He'd better hurry, too, because New Orleans's John North isn't fooling around. The Saints may have been the most improved team in the conference last year.

Miami still must be considered the overwhelming favorite in the AFC's Eastern Division. But Buffalo and O. J. missed making the playoffs by just one game, New England is getting better all the time, and if Joe Namath can hold together, the Jets can always be tough. Even Baltimore, with one of the best rookie crops in the league, should begin to assert itself again.

The AFC's Central Division might be football's toughest. Cincinnati, the defending champion, seems on the brink of a Super Bowl appearance. Pittsburgh has that menacing front four and a gaudy collection of offensive talent. Cleveland's defense has not only

caught but passed its offense. Nick Skorich plans to do something about that. And in Houston, they're convinced the Oilers will win more this season.

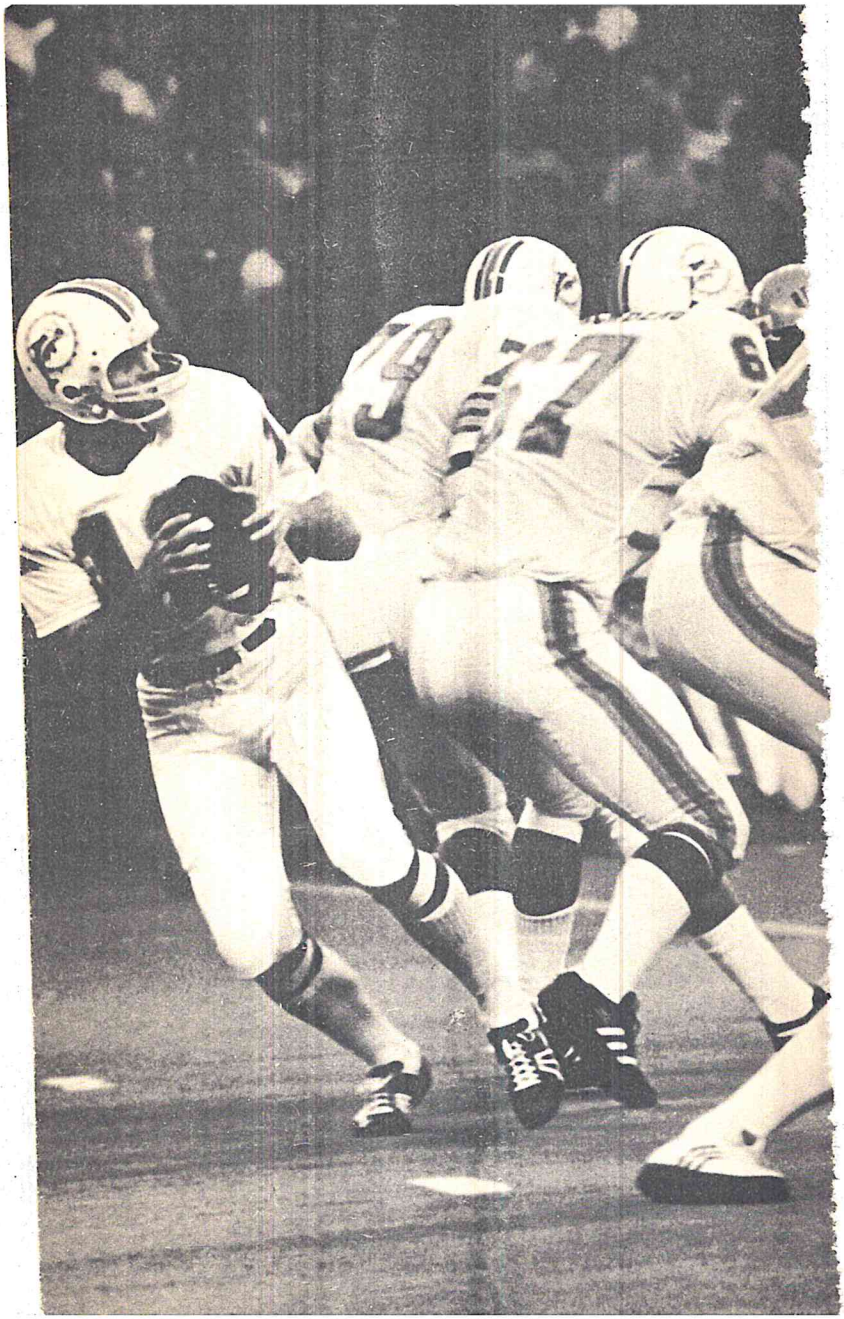
The AFC's Western Division has belonged almost exclusively to Oakland the past few years. The Raiders won't give it up easily, either. But Denver's John Ralston has the Broncos soaring in that Mile High atmosphere. Hank Stram has plans of his own in Kansas City. And there's nothing Tommy Prothro likes better than working with a longshot like he has in San Diego.

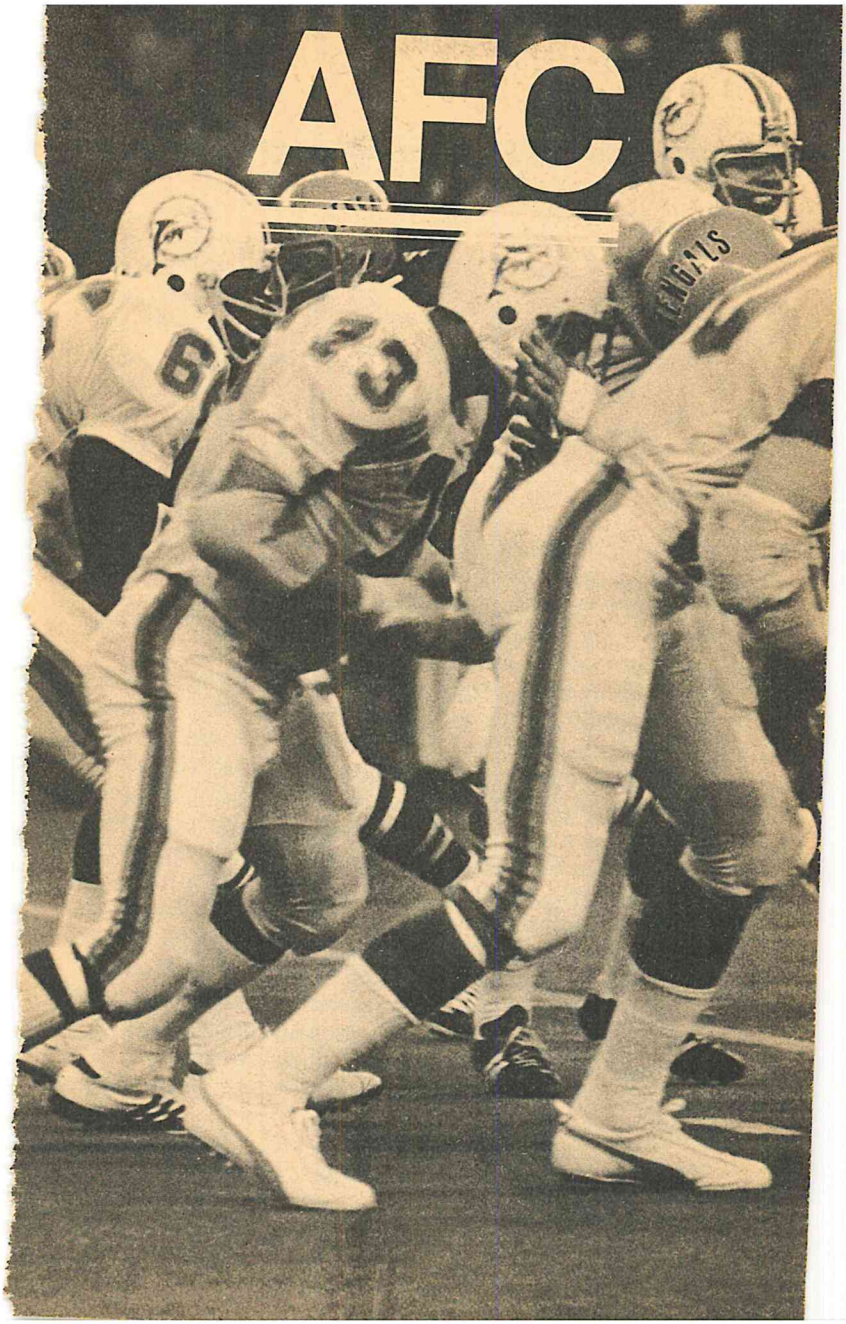
A twenty-seventh city has joined the NFL. Tampa, Florida, was granted a franchise to join the league last April during the same meetings that produced the dramatic new rules changes.

Phoenix, Arizona, and Seattle, Washington, were other cities under consideration for NFL expansion franchises.

The Tampa team, meanwhile, will not begin play until 1976 and its owners, staff, and nickname were still to be decided.

It should be a season of new goals and new achievements. A season that will challenge the dynasty in Miami and the super star in Buffalo. A season that will find surprising patterns on offense and innovative strategy on defense. The kind of season that is found only in the National Football League.

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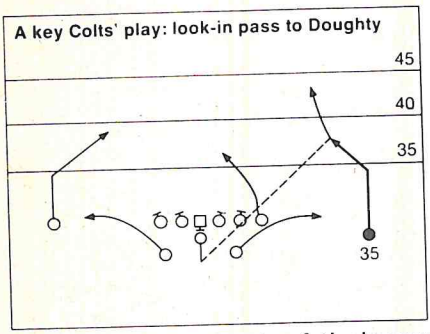
BALTIMORE COLTS



A key Colts' play: look-in pass to Doughty

The last two years have been hard ones in Baltimore. A city that had been spoiled by all those Sunday afternoons of John Unitas and Gino Marchetti and Don Shula found it difficult to adjust. The once powerful Colts had lost much of their vaunted kick. Memorial Stadium, at one time the loudest and most raucous of home fields, suddenly seemed like a morgue.

It is the way it must be in sports. Winning, like everything else, runs in cycles.

But if the glory has temporarily disappeared in Baltimore, the building has only begun. It is a new time and a new team, and around the National Football League, the feeling is that the Colts won't be down long.

Of course, after last year's 4-10 miseries, there is considerable room for improvement. More important, though, there is a strong collection of young, gifted players to give general manager Joe Thomas and coach Howard Schnellenberger the nucleus they need.

The two young quarterbacks, Marty Domres and Bert Jones; the strong running back, Lydell Mitchell; the talented tight end, Raymond Chester; the Pro Bowl linebackers, Ted Hendricks and Mike Curtis; all-star safety Rick Volk and the imposing number one draft choice, John Dutton, comprise an impressive group.

Number one picks often have to come through immediately on losing teams, and Dutton's role could be critical to the Colts, who had little or no pass rush

Snow and Colts' Stan White fall on Mack Herron of New England.

Quarterback Marty Domres

Wide Receiver Glenn Doughty

Tight End Ray Chester

Defensive Tackle Joe Ehrmann

in 1973. A 6-foot 6-inch, 255-pounder from the University of Nebraska, Dutton could provide the necessary quarterback pressure to turn this team back into a solid defensive club.

Offensively, the key is the development of one of the two young passers. Jones, who started his rookie season as a regular, finally gave way to Domres, who finished 3-6 in the last nine games. Although most people in the organization still regard Jones as the quarterback of the future, Domres is more likely the man of the present.

Either way, there should be more balance in Baltimore this fall. Mitchell, who ran for 963 yards, will be shooting for 1,000 this time. For companions, there are Don McCauley and sophomore Bill Olds.

The lack of notable receivers so evident the past few seasons may be over, too. Glenn Doughty, in his fourth year, could blossom into an all-star. He averaged 23.5 yards a catch last season. Cotton Speyrer, the incumbent on the other side, will be challenged by number one pick Roger Carr, the sleek 6-foot 3-inch, 200-pounder from Louisiana Tech. And Chester, after having some transition problems coming from Oak-

land, should be ready to resume his role as one of the best tight ends in the business.

The offensive line? Well, it's not yet championship caliber. The best blocker last year was Dennis Nelson, the right tackle. Tom Drougas, in his third year, is still learning. Glenn Ressler is a nine-year starter at one guard, and Elmer Collett, the ex-49er, is an experienced hand on the other side. The center is Ken Mendenhall.

Defensively, this is a team that can't afford too many injuries. Joe Ehrmann, the best defensive lineman at right tackle, cracked his kneecap and was out four games. He'll go with Jim Bailey at the tackles this year, while solid Roy Hilton and, hopefully, Dutton start at ends.

Curtis, the middle linebacker, leader, and perhaps the team's most valuable player, was out seven games last year. When he came back for the final two, it was no coincidence the Colts won both of them. Hendricks is one of the four or five best players at his position at one outside backer. The other, Stan White, is most famous as the tackler who put Joe Namath out for the season. Colts coaches think he should be recognized for other things. He led the team in both tackles and interceptions in 1973.

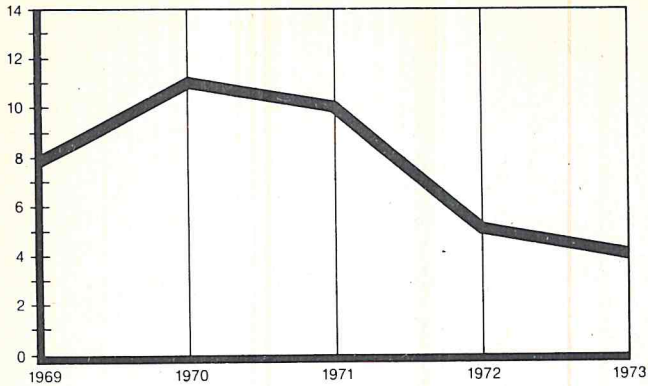
The cornerbacks are Rex Kern and Nelson Munsey. Munsey's a fixture, but Kern may have to fight off sophomore Ray Oldham to keep his job. The safeties are Volk and Bruce Laird.

The kicking game needs improvement. George Hunt is an adequate placekicker with limited range, and David Lee had a bad year punting.

Overall, this is a team that should be on the rise. Even if it is a slow rise.

The Colts aren't ready to make a move on the Dolphins yet. But give them another year or two, and it could be just like old times at Memorial Stadium.

NOTES—Criticized heavily for a series of trades a year ago, Thomas reaped some of the rewards at this year's draft table. The Colts had six picks in the first three rounds and twelve in the first seven. Their total



Colts Victories Last Five Years

of 25 draft picks was the highest in the league...Mike Kaczmarek, a second-year free agent from Southern Illionois, is considered a solid prospect in the Colts' defensive line...Brian Herosian, who used to be a star pitcher for the University of Connecticut baseball team, was another free agent who made his presence felt in the secondary...The Colts were consistent last year, finishing twenty-first in the 26-team NFL in both total offense and total defense...Tom Mitchell, the backup to Chester, and John Andrews, who's proven he can play, provide depth at tight end...The Colts didn't get any breaks in the schedule, with Cincinnati, Pittsburgh, Denver, and Atlanta included among their nondivision opponents.

Stadium: **Rich Stadium (AstroTurf; 80,020)** Colors: **Scarlet Red, Royal Blue, and White**

THE COACHING STAFF

Howard Schnellenberger, in his second year on the job, hopes to turn Baltimore back into a winner. His assistants include offensive coordinator and line coach George Young, receiver coach Pete McCulley and backfield coach George Sefcik. The new defensive coordinator is Don Doll, who will also work with the secondary. Frank Lauterbur will handle the linebackers and Jerry Smith the line. Ed Block is the trainer and Mike McVean the equipment manager.

1974 SCHEDULE

PRESEASON

Aug. 9	DETROIT	8:00
Aug. 17	vs. Cleveland at Tampa, Fla.	8:00
Aug. 26	CHICAGO	8:00
Aug. 31	at Atlanta	8:00
Sept. 6	at Washington	8:00

REGULAR SEASON

Sept. 15	at Pittsburgh	1:00
Sept. 22	GREEN BAY	2:00
Sept. 29	at Philadelphia	1:00
Oct. 6	at New England	1:00
Oct. 13	BUFFALO	2:00
Oct. 20	at New York Jets	1:00
Oct. 27	at Miami	1:00
Nov. 3	CINCINNATI	2:00
Nov. 10	DENVER	2:00
Nov. 17	at Atlanta	1:00
Nov. 24	NEW ENGLAND	2:00
Dec. 1	at Buffalo	1:00
Dec. 8	MIAMI	2:00
Dec. 15	NEW YORK JETS	2:00

1974 COLTS VETERAN ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Exp.	College	Games in 1973
73	Amman, Richard	DE-DT	6-5	250	22	3	Florida State	14
88	Andrews, John	TE	6-3	227	24	3	Indiana	8
79	Bailey, Jim	DT	6-6	255	24	5	Kansas	14
63	Barnes, Mike	DE	6-6	255	22	2	Miami	14
59	Cherry, Stan	LB	6-5	200	23	2	Morgan State	3
87	Chester, Raymond	TE	6-4	235	25	5	Morgan State	13
66	Collett, Elmer	G	6-4	240	28	8	San Francisco State	14
32	Curtis, Mike	LB	6-2	232	29	10	Duke	7
14	Domres, Marty	QB	6-4	222	26	6	Columbia	10
35	Doughty, Glenn	WR	6-2	204	22	3	Michigan	14
74	Drougas, Tom	T	6-4	257	23	3	Oregon	13
76	Ehrmann, Joe	DT	6-5	260	23	2	Syracuse	12
27	Ginn, Hubert (1)	RB	5-10	185	26	5	Florida A&M	12
17	Havrilak, Sam	WR	6-2	195	25	6	Bucknell	14
29	Herosian, Brian	S	6-3	200	23	2	Connecticut	12
83	Hendricks, Ted	LB	6-7	220	25	6	Miami	14
85	Hilton, Roy	DE	6-6	240	30	10	Jackson State	13
54	Hoaglin, Fred	C	6-4	250	29	9	Pittsburgh	14
10	Hunt, George	K	6-1	215	23	2	Tennessee	14
7	Jones, Bert	QB	6-3	205	22	2	Louisiana State	8
52	Kaczmarek, Mike	LB	6-4	235	22	2	Southern Illinois	14
44	Kern, Rex	CB-S	6-1	190	23	4	Ohio State	14
40	Laird, Bruce	CB-S	6-0	185	23	3	U.S. International	12
49	Lee, David	P	6-4	230	29	9	Louisiana Tech	14
23	McCauley, Don	RB	6-1	214	23	4	North Carolina	13
57	Mendenhall, Ken	C	6-3	235	25	4	Oaklahoma	13
26	Mitchell, Lydell	RB	5-11	204	24	3	Penn State	14
84	Mitchell, Tom	WR	6-3	215	29	8	Bucknell	13
31	Munsey, Nelson	CB	6-1	185	25	3	Wyoming	14
50	Neal, Dan	C	6-4	240	22	2	Kentucky	5
68	Nelson, Dennis	T	6-5	260	27	5	Illinois State	14
25	Oldham, Ray	S	6-0	200	22	2	Middle Tennessee State	11
38	Olds, Bill	RB	6-1	224	22	2	Nebraska	13
62	Ressler, Glen	G	6-3	250	30	10	Penn State	14
75	Schmiesing, Joe	DT-DE	6-4	245	28	7	New Mexico State	14
38	Simpson, Mike (2)	S	5-9	170	27	5	Houston	13
80	Smith, Ollie	WR	6-2	195	23	2	Tennessee State	7
28	Speyrer, Colton	WR	6-0	175	24	3	Texas	14
64	Taylor, David	T	6-4	254	23	2	Catawba	13
21	Volk, Rich	S	6-3	195	28	8	Michigan	14
53	White, Stan	LB	6-1	225	23	3	Ohio State	14

(1) Played 3 games with Miami, 9 with Baltimore in 1973.
(2) Played 13 games with San Francisco in 1973.

TOP DRAFT CHOICES

Round	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Exp.	College
1	Dutton, John	DE	6-6	255	23	R	Nebraska
1a	Carr, Roger	WR	6-3	200	22	R	Louisiana Tech
2	Cook, Fred	DE	6-3	235	22	R	So. Mississippi
3a	Pratt, Robert	T	6-3	255	23	R	North Carolina
4	Bell, Tony	S	6-2	204	22	R	Bowling Green

1973 LEADERS

Rushing (yards)	Lydell Mitchell	963
Passing (percentage)	Marty Domres	48.7
Passing (yards)	Marty Domres	1,153
Passing (touchdowns)	Marty Domres	9
Receiving (number)	Glenn Doughty, Don McCauley, and Tom Mitchell	25
Receiving (yards)	Glenn Doughty	587
Interceptions (number)	Stan White	4
Punting (average)	David Lee	38.7
Punt Returns (average)	Bruce Laird	4.8
Kickoff Returns (average)	Cotton Speyrer	29.2
Field Goals	George Hunt	16
Touchdowns	Cotton Speyrer	5
Points	George Hunt	70

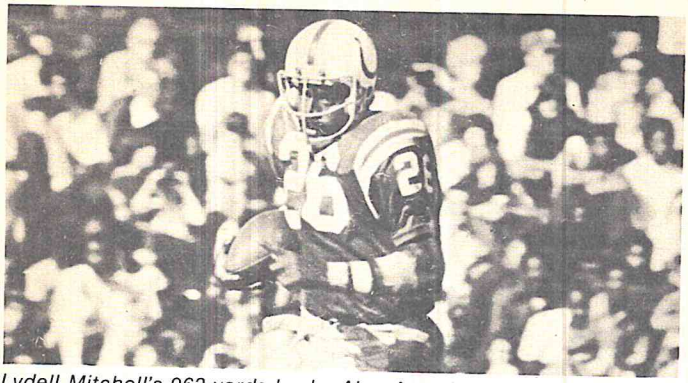
RECENT TRADES

Linebacker Ed Mooney to Washington for a twelfth round choice.

Guard Cornelius Johnson and the seventeenth round draft choice in 1975 to Washington for running back George Nock and the Redskins' seventeenth round choice.

A draft choice to San Francisco for defensive back Mike Simpson.

Safety Jack Mildren to New England for the Patriots' sixth round draft choice.



Lydell Mitchell's 963 yards broke Alan Ameche's Colts record.

The 4-10-0 Season of 1973

SEPT. 16 Phipps-to-Pitts touchdown passes marred Schnellenberger's Colts coaching debut. *Cleveland 24, Baltimore 14.*

SEPT. 23 Colts QBs Jones and Domres were intercepted eight times as Jets erupted in second half. *New York Jets 34, Baltimore 10.*

SEPT. 30 Mitchell and McCauley had 100 yards rushing each as Colts disdained passing game. *Baltimore 14, New Orleans 10.*

OCT. 7 Colts special team errors on punt plays set up two short Patriots touchdowns by Tarver. *New England 24, Baltimore 16.*

OCT. 14 Simpson shredded Colts defense for 166 yards, including 78-yard scoring dash, in Bills rout. *Buffalo 31, Baltimore 13.*

OCT. 21 Making first start, Domres scored touchdown and threw 66-yard touchdown pass to Doughty. *Baltimore 29, Detroit 27.*

OCT. 28 Stabler completed 25 of 29 pass attempts for new NFL one-game accuracy record. *Oakland 34, Baltimore 21.*

NOV. 4 Dickey's third touchdown pass gave Oilers come-from-behind win, ended 18-game losing streak. *Houston 31, Baltimore 27.*

NOV. 11 Foley scored twice on runbacks of blocked kicks; Colts scoreless against Miami in 18 quarters. *Miami 44, Baltimore 0.*

NOV. 18 Knight booted Redskins to their first win over Colts since 1959 with five field goals. *Washington 22, Baltimore 14.*

NOV. 25 Harrison interception return for touchdown with 1:11 left sent Colts to fifth loss in row. *Buffalo 24, Baltimore 17.*

DEC. 2 Namath returned after earlier shoulder injury against Baltimore to lead Jets win. *New York Jets 20, Baltimore 17.*

DEC. 9 Smallest home crowd in four seasons—41,005—watched Colts upset Dolphins and snap loss streak. *Baltimore 16, Miami 3.*

DEC. 16 Mitchell gained 143 yards, 963 for season, to break Ameche's one-season rushing mark. *Baltimore 18, New England 13.*

COLTS RECORDS

SCORING

Most Points
- Lifetime – 678, Lenny Moore
- Season – 120, Lenny Moore, 1964
- Game – 24, Lenny Moore vs. Chi. Bears, Oct. 4, 1958
  Lenny Moore vs. Los Angeles, Oct. 16, 1960
  Lenny Moore vs. Minnesota, Oct. 1, 1961

Most Touchdowns
- Lifetime – 113, Lenny Moore
- Season – 20, Lenny Moore, 1964
- Game – 4, Lenny Moore vs. Chi. Bears, Oct. 4, 1958
  Lenny Moore vs. Los Angeles, Oct. 16, 1960
  Lenny Moore vs. Minnesota, Oct. 1, 1961

Most Points After Touchdown Made
- Lifetime – 264, Lou Michaels
- Season – 53, Lou Michaels, 1964
- Game – 8, Tom Feamster vs. Los Angeles, Nov. 25, 1956
  Steve Myhra vs. Green Bay, Nov. 2, 1958

Most Field Goals Made
- Lifetime – 107, Lou Michaels
- Season – 24, Jim Martin, 1963
- Game – 5, Lou Michaels vs. San Francisco, Sept. 25, 1966

Longest Field Goal
- 56, Bert Rechichar vs. Chi. Bears, Sept. 27, 1953

RUSHING

Most Attempts
- Lifetime – 1,200, Tom Matte
- Season – 253, Lydell Mitchell, 1973
- Game – 35, Lydell Mitchell vs. Miami, Dec. 9, 1973

Most Yards Gained
- Lifetime – 5,174, Lenny Moore
- Season – 963, Lydell Mitchell, 1973
- Game – 198, Norm Bulaich vs. N. Y. Jets, Sept. 19, 1971

Most Games, 100 or More Yards
- Lifetime – 7, Alan Ameche
- Season – 3, Alan Ameche, 1955
  Lydell Mitchell, 1973

Longest Run From Scrimmage
- 80, Tom Matte vs. St. Louis, Oct. 12, 1964

PASSING

Most Passes Attempted
- Litetime – 5,110, John Unitas
- Season – 436, John Unitas, 1967
- Game – 45, John Unitas vs. N.Y. Jets, Sept. 24, 1972

Most Passes Completed
- Lifetime – 2,796, John Unitas
- Season – 255, John Unitas, 1967
- Game – 26, John Unitas vs. N.Y. Jets, Sept. 24, 1972

Most Yards Gained
- Lifetime – 39,768, John Unitas
- Season – 3,481, John Unitas, 1963
- Game – 401, John Unitas vs. Atlanta, Sept. 17, 1967

Longest Pass Completion
- 89, John Unitas to John Mackey vs. Los Angeles, Oct. 30, 1966

Most Touchdown Passes
- Lifetime – 287, John Unitas
- Season – 32, John Unitas, 1959
- Game – 5, Gary Cuozzo vs. Minnesota, Nov. 4, 1965

PASS RECEPTIONS

Most Pass Receptions
- Lifetime – 631, Raymond Berry
- Season – 75, Raymond Berry, 1961
- Game – 12, Raymond Berry vs. Washington, Nov. 10, 1957

Most Yards Gained
- Lifetime – 9,275, Raymond Berry
- Season – 1,298, Raymond Berry, 1960
- Game – 224, Raymond Berry vs. Washington, Nov. 10, 1957

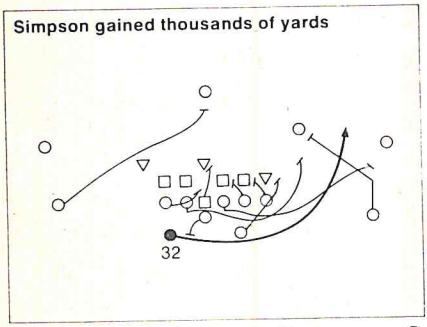
Most Touchdown Passes
- Lifetime – 68, Raymond Berry
- Season – 14, Raymond Berry, 1959
- Game – 3, Jim Mutscheller vs. Green Bay, Oct. 13, 1957
  Raymond Berry vs. Dallas, Oct. 30, 1960
  Raymond Berry vs. Green Bay, Nov. 6, 1960
  Jimmy Orr vs. Washington, Dec. 8, 1962
  Jimmy Orr vs. Los Angeles, Oct. 4, 1964

INTERCEPTIONS

Most Interceptions By
- Lifetime – 57, Bob Boyd
- Season – 11, Tom Keane, 1953
- Game – 3, Bert Rechichar vs. Chi. Bears, Sept. 27, 1953
  Tom Keane vs. Philadelphia, Nov. 15, 1953
  Gary Glick vs. Washington, Nov. 26, 1961
  Jerry Logan vs. N. Y. Jets, Oct. 18, 1970

Longest Return
- 94, Rick Volk vs. Chi. Bears, touchdown, Oct. 8, 1967

BUFFALO BILLS



In Buffalo, it no longer matters
Who won or lost the game.
The big question is,
How many yards did O.J. gain?

It was a marvelous achievement. The supreme effort by football's nonpareil runner. O.J. Simpson's 2,003-yard odyssey was the best individual performance in the National Football League last year. Nothing else was close.

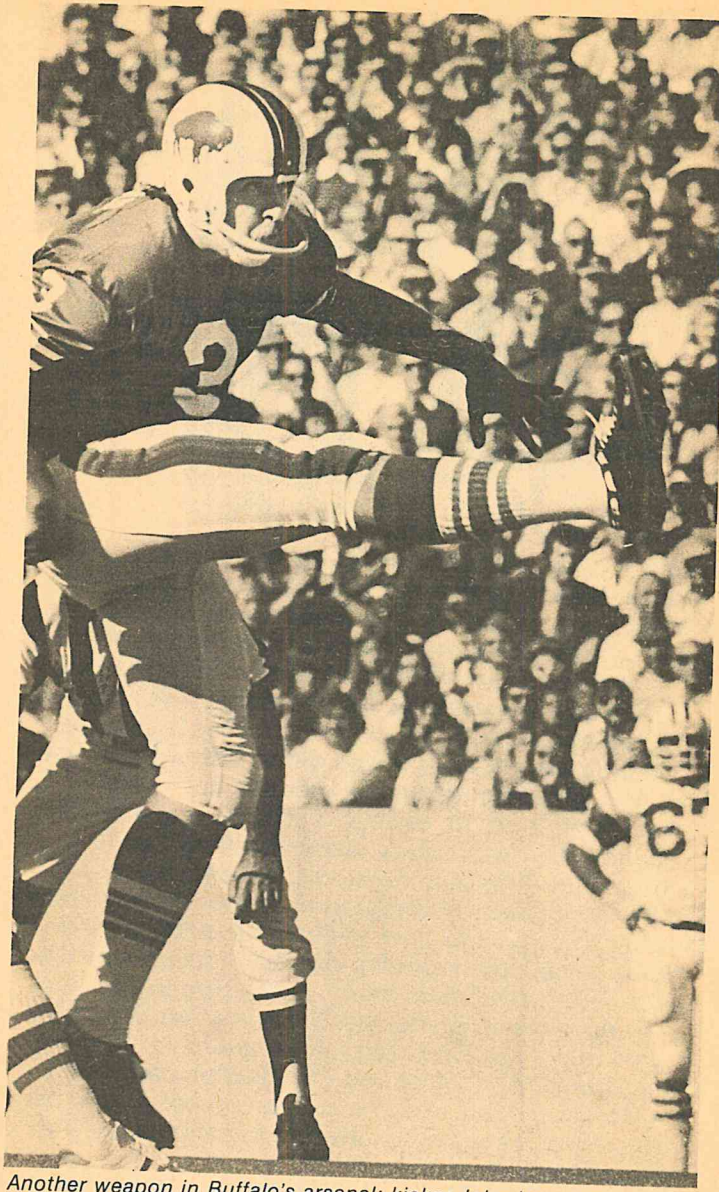
But as "the Juice," himself, kept trying to tell everyone, the statistics were nice and so was all the recognition. The really big thing, though, was the final won-lost record.

The whole world knows what Simpson did. What most seem to forget is that Buffalo finished 9-5, its best performance since 1966, and, at the end, was only another broken-field run or two away from the playoffs.

No one really expects O.J. to rush for another 2,000 in 1974. Even Simpson would give up a few yards here and there for an extra win and a shot at the Super Bowl tournament.

So that's the goal in upstate New York this year. A little more balance, an improved defense...and the season could really get interesting.

The first thing the Bills have to do is generate a passing attack. While they were first in the NFL in rushing, they were twenty-sixth and last in passing yardage. Joe Ferguson was the only rookie in the



Another weapon in Buffalo's arsenal: kicker John Leypoldt.

Guard Reggie McKenzie

Quarterback Joe Ferguson

Wide Receiver J. D. Hill

Linebacker John Skorupan

league to start all 14 games at quarterback, and, while he began slowly, at the end he was a poised, able leader. And, maybe more important, Lou Saban believes in him. He proved that when he traded Dennis Shaw to St. Louis for Ahmad Rashad in the off-season.

Rashad, formerly Bobby Moore, will provide another solid target for Ferguson. J. D. Hill, in his fourth year, is the club's best receiver. And gifted Bobby Chandler can do a lot of things on the other side.

One position in the backfield already is spoken for, of course. O.J.'s partners last year were, first, Larry Watkins and then Jim Braxton. Between them, they ran for 908 yards, with Braxton averaging 90 yards per Sunday through the final five weeks of the season.

Even Simpson's blockers gained notoriety on the way to 2,003. His "main man," guard Reggie McKenzie, made many all-pro teams. Tight end Paul Seymour is primarily a blocker. The other guard is Joe DeLamielleure. The tackles are Pro Bowler Dave Foley and Donnie Green and the center probably will be Bruce Jarvis. It's a young, talented set of linemen who figure to get better.

Defensively, the Bills' most valuable player last year

was Earl Edwards, the giant defensive end acquired from San Francisco just before the regular season. His presence up front made all the difference. Suddenly, the Bills were no longer easy to run on.

Walt Patulski, benched for five games, bounced back to finish strong at the other end, while tackles Jerry Patton and late-starting Mike Kadish contributed, too.

John Skorupan, a rookie from Penn State, started all 14 games at outside linebacker. Now another Nittany Lion draftee may align on the other side. Number two choice Doug Allen will be given every chance to win the job. The middle belongs to Jim Cheyunski, who came over from New England to play creditably a year ago.

The star of the secondary is Robert James, the all-pro cornerback. His partner, Dwight Harrison, was a wide receiver when Saban got him from Denver. Converted to defense, he promptly started 12 games and led the team in interceptions.

Things aren't as stable at safety as they are at cornerback. Ernie Kellermann will be the strong safety if he doesn't retire, and little Tony Greene, a former corner, will probably be the free safety.

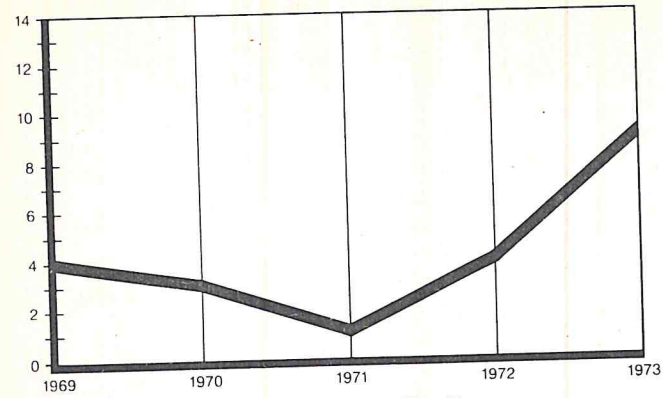
The placekicking is solid with John Leypoldt, who hit 21 of 30 field goal attempts. But the punting needs help, unless Spike Jones (40.3) rebounds with a good year.

Other than their second-place finish in the AFC East, the most surprising thing about the Bills is their age. You look around the locker room, and you'd almost swear this was a college team.

So the future is theirs. This is a young, improving, exciting club with a lot going for it.

Who knows? Before the Bills are through, even Miami may be looking over its shoulder.

NOTES—Buffalo's number one draft choice is Reuben Gant, a 6 foot 4 inch, 233-pound tight end from Oklahoma State. Eventually, Gant's presence may force Saban to shift Seymour back to offensive tackle, his college position...The Bills led the NFL in attend-



Bills Victories Last Five Years

ance in 1973, drawing 544,772 people to their seven games were sellouts of 80,020...Saban's remarkable 9-5 was a distinct turnaround from 1972's 4-9-1 record ...Simpson, who won the Heisman trophy at USC, now operates behind a line comprised of almost entirely Big 10 blockers. Only Ray Jarvis and Mike Montler, who split the time at center, are the exceptions...In his first year as an NFL quarterback, Ferguson completed 73 of 164 passes for 939 yards and only 4 touchdowns...Number three draft choice Gary Marangi is a promising quarterback prospect from Boston College ...And Greg Hare, the number eight pick, was one of the best throwers in the Big 10, even if he did compete at Ohio State...Wallace Francis, a rookie from Arkansas AM&N, led the AFC in kickoff returns, averaging 29.9 and returning two for touchdowns...The new punting candidate is Brian Doherty, who did the kicking for Notre Dame's national championships.

Stadium: **Rich Stadium (AstroTurf; 80,000)** Colors: **Scarlet Red, Royal Blue, and White**

THE COACHING STAFF

Lou Saban, who led Buffalo to its finest record since 1966 last year, now is ready to shoot for bigger game. Saban's overall record is 76-85-7 in professional football. His total with the Bills is 37-31-4. His assistants on offense include Bob Shaw, receiver; and Jim Ringo, line. Defensively, Billy Atkins handles the secondary, Stan Jones the line, John Ray the linebackers, and Ed Cavanaugh the special teams. The trainers are Eddie Abramoski and Bob Reese, and the equipment man is Tony Marchetti.

1974 SCHEDULE

PRESEASON

July 27	vs. St. Louis at Canton, Ohio	4:00
Aug. 2	GREEN BAY	8:00
Aug. 12	at Kansas City	8:00
Aug. 18	at Washington	8:00
Aug. 25	at Minnesota	8:30
Aug. 30	DETROIT	8:00
Sept. 6	NEW YORK GIANTS	8:00

REGULAR SEASON

Sept. 16	OAKLAND (Monday)	9:00
Sept. 22	MIAMI	1:00
Sept. 29	NEW YORK JETS	1:00
Oct. 6	at Green Bay	1:00
Oct. 13	at Baltimore	2:00
Oct. 20	NEW ENGLAND	1:00
Oct. 27	CHICAGO	1:00
Nov. 3	at New England	1:00
Nov. 10	HOUSTON	1:00
Nov. 17	at Miami	1:00
Nov. 24	at Cleveland	1:00
Dec. 1	BALTIMORE	1:00
Dec. 8	at New York Jets	1:00
Dec. 15	at Los Angeles	1:00

1974 BILLS VETERAN ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Exp.	College	Games in 1973
60	Adams, Bill (1)	G	6-2	254	24	2	Holy Cross	0
34	Braxton, Jim	RB	6-1	243	24	4	West Virginia	6
22	Cahill, Bill	S	5-11	180	23	2	Washington	5
81	Chandler, Bob	WR	6-0	179	25	4	USC	14
50	Cheyunski, Jim	LB	6-1	225	28	7	Syracuse	13
30	Cornell, Bo	RB	6-2	215	25	4	Washington	14
72	Croft, Don (2)	DT	6-3	254	25	2	Texas-El Paso	0
54	Croyle, Phil	LB	6-2	223	27	4	California	4
68	DeLamielleure, Joe	G	6-3	254	23	2	Michigan State	14
73	Edwards, Earl	DE	6-6	262	28	6	Wichita	14
12	Ferguson, Joe	QB	6-1	180	24	2	Arkansas	14
78	Foley, Dave	T	6-5	261	26	5	Ohio State	14
57	Forsberg, Fred (3)	LB	6-1	225	30	6	Washington	10
89	Francis, Wallace	WR	5-11	190	22	2	Arkansas AM&N	12
74	Green, Donnie	T	6-8	272	26	4	Purdue	14
43	Greene, Tony	CB	5-10	170	25	4	Maryland	14
88	Hagen, Halvor	DE	6-5	245	27	6	Weber State	5
28	Harrison, Dwight	CB	6-2	178	25	4	Texas A&I	14
10	Hart, Leo	QB	6-4	213	25	3	Duke	0
40	Hill, J.D.	WR	6-1	202	25	4	Arizona State	14
20	James, Robert	CB	6-1	184	27	6	Fisk	13
51	Jarvis, Bruce	C	6-7	250	25	4	Washington	8
80	Jarvis, Ray	WR	5-11	193	25	4	Norfolk State	12
11	Jones, Spike	P	6-2	197	27	5	Georgia	14
46	Jones, Steve	RB	6-0	200	23	2	Duke	11
71	Kadish, Mike	DT	6-5	265	24	2	Notre Dame	12
70	Kampa, Bob	DT	6-4	252	23	2	California	7
24	Kellerman, Ernie	S	6-0	183	30	9	Miami, Ohio	10
37	Koy, Ted	TE	6-2	212	26	5	Texas	13
52	Krakau, Merv	LB	6-1	242	23	2	Iowa State	14
3	Leypoldt, John	K	6-2	229	28	4	None	14
56	Lewis, Rich	LB	6-3	220	24	3	Portland State	10
67	McKenzie, Reggie	G	6-4	235	24	3	Michigan	14
53	Montler, Mike	C-T	6-5	254	29	6	Colorado	10
79	Okoniewski, Steve	DT	6-3	247	25	3	Montana	5
61	Parker, Willie	C-G	6-3	241	24	3	North Texas State	14
77	Patton, Jerry	DT	6-3	265	28	4	Nebraska	14
85	Patulski, Walt	DE	6-6	259	24	3	Notre Dame	14
69	Penchion, Robert	G	6-5	265	25	3	Alcorn A&M	5
	Rashad, Ahmad (4)	WR	6-2	200	25	3	Oregon	13
87	Seymour, Paul	TE	6-5	252	24	2	Michigan	14
32	Simpson, O.J.	RB	6-1	212	27	6	USC	14
55	Skorupan, John	LB	6-2	214	23	2	Penn State	14
36	VanValkenberg, Pete	RB	6-2	192	24	2	Brigham Young	13
26	Walker, Donnie	CB	6-2	180	23	2	Central State-Ohio	11
38	Watkins, Larry	RB	6-2	230	28	6	Alcorn A&M	14
75	Winans, Jeff	DT	6-5	265	22	2	USC	9

(1) Last active with Buffalo in 1972
(2) Missed entire 1973 season because of injury
(3) Played 3 games with Denver, 7 with Buffalo in 1973
(4) Played 13 games with St. Louis in 1973

TOP DRAFT CHOICES

Round	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Exp.	College
1	Gant, Reuben	TE	6-4	233	22	R	Oklahoma State
2	Allen, Doug	LB	6-1	224	22	R	Penn State
3	Marangi, Gary	QB	6-1	196	22	R	Boston College
4	Crumpler, Carlester	RB	6-3	207	23	R	East Carolina
5	Hayman, Gary	WR	6-1	198	22	R	Penn State

1973 LEADERS

Rushing (yards)	O. J. Simpson	2,003
Passing (percentage)	Joe Ferguson	44.5
Passing (yards)	Joe Ferguson	939
Passing (touchdowns)	Joe Ferguson	4
Receiving (number)	Bob Chandler	30
Receiving (yards)	Bob Chandler	427
Interceptions (number)	Dwight Harrison	5
Punting (average)	Spike Jones	40.3
Punt Returns (average)	Donnie Walker	8.4
Kickoff Returns (average)	Wallace Francis	29.9
Field Goals	John Leypoldt	21
Touchdowns	O. J. Simpson	12
Points	John Leypoldt	90

RECENT TRADES

Quarterback Dennis Shaw to St. Louis for wide receiver Ahmad Rashad.

O. J. Simpson, bound for 2,003 yards.

The 9-5-0 Season of 1973

SEPT. 16 Simpson gained 250 yards in dazzling performance to set NFL one-game rushing record. *Buffalo 31, New England 13.*

SEPT. 23 Two Unitas touchdown passes and Smith punt return for score paced Chargers; O.J. 103 yards. *San Diego 34, Buffalo 7.*

SEPT. 30 Leypoldt's three field goals, last from 42 yards out in fourth quarter, proved decisive. *Buffalo 9, New York Jets 7.*

OCT. 7 O.J. had 171 yards rushing; Bills held on when Dempsey missed 26-yard field goal with 0:03 left. *Buffalo 27, Philadelphia 26.*

OCT. 14 Simpson ran for 166 yards, including 78-yard touchdown run in fourth quarter to lead win. *Buffalo 31, Baltimore 13.*

OCT. 21 Champion Dolphins held Simpson in check, 54 yards, and built commanding 24-3 halftime lead. *Miami 27, Buffalo 6.*

OCT. 29 Before national TV audience, Simpson broke NFL one-game record for carries with 39. *Buffalo 23, Kansas City 14.*

NOV. 4 Inspired, swarming Saints defense limited Simpson to 79 yards in scoring shutout victory. *New Orleans 13, Buffalo 0.*

NOV. 11 Muhlmann kicked winning 33-yard field goal with three seconds to play in wild finish. *Cincinnati 16, Buffalo 13.*

NOV. 18 Simpson rushed for 120 yards and Braxton added 119, but Dolphins defense dominated game. *Miami 17, Buffalo 0.*

NOV. 25 Harrison scored winning touchdown on interception with 1:11 left after Bills had forged tie at 1:34. *Buffalo 24, Baltimore 17.*

DEC. 9 Simpson carried for 219 yards, moved to within 61 of Jim Brown's one-season rushing mark. *Buffalo 37, New England 13.*

DEC. 16 Simpson gained 200 yards to end miracle season with 2,003 in Bills best year since 1966. *Buffalo 34, New York Jets 14.*

BILLS RECORDS

SCORING

Most Points
Lifetime – 248, Cookie Gilchrist
Season – 128, Cookie Gilchrist, 1962
Game – 30, Cookie Gilchrist vs. N. Y. Jets, Dec. 8, 1963

Most Touchdowns
Lifetime – 39, Elbert Dubenion
Season – 15, Cookie Gilchrist, 1962
Game – 5, Cookie Gilchrist vs. N. Y. Jets, Dec. 8, 1963

Most Points After Touchdown Made
Lifetime – 76, Pete Gogolak
Season – 45, Pete Gogolak, 1964
Game – 7, Booth Lusteg vs. Miami, Sept. 18, 1966

Most Field Goals Made
Lifetime – 47, Pete Gogolak
Season – 28, Pete Gogolak, 1965
Game – 5, Pete Gogolak vs. Houston, Dec. 5, 1965

Longest Field Goal
52, Grant Guthrie vs. Pittsburgh, Oct. 11, 1970
John Leypoldt vs. Baltimore, Oct. 14, 1973

RUSHING

Most Attempts
Lifetime – 1,108, O. J. Simpson
Season – 332, O. J. Simpson, 1973
Game – 39, O. J. Simpson vs. Kansas City, Oct. 29, 1973

Most Yards Gained
Lifetime – 5,181, O. J. Simpson
Season – 2,003, O. J. Simpson, 1973
Game – 250, O. J. Simpson vs. New England, Sept. 16, 1973

Most Games, 100 or More Yards
Lifetime – 20, O. J. Simpson
Season – 11, O. J. Simpson, 1973

Longest Run From Scrimmage
94, O. J. Simpson vs. Pittsburgh, Oct. 29, 1972

PASSING

Most Passes Attempted
Lifetime – 2,238, Jack Kemp
Season – 391, Jack Kemp, 1965
Game – 49, Johnny Green vs. Houston, Oct. 30, 1960
Jack Kemp vs. Denver, Oct. 19, 1965

Most Passes Completed
Lifetime – 1,040, Jack Kemp
Season – 194, Jack Kemp, 1963
Game – 24, Dennis Shaw vs. Miami, Oct. 18, 1970

Most Yards Gained
Lifetime – 15,138, Jack Kemp
Season – 2,914, Jack Kemp, 1963
Game – 378, Jack Kemp vs. Houston, Oct. 11, 1964

Longest Pass Completion
94, Jack Kemp to Glenn Bass vs. Houston, Oct. 11, 1964

Most Touchdown Passes
Lifetime – 97, Jack Kemp
Season – 14, Jack Kemp, 1967
Dennis Shaw, 1972
Game – 4, Johnny Green vs. Oakland, Oct. 23, 1960

PASS RECEPTIONS

Most Pass Receptions
Lifetime – 296, Elbert Dubenion
Season – 69, Bill Miller, 1963
Game – 12, Glenn Bass vs. Oakland, Dec. 3, 1961
Bill Miller vs. Oakland, Oct. 5, 1963

Most Yards Gained
Lifetime – 5,424, Elbert Dubenion
Season – 1,139, Elbert Dubenion, 1964
Game – 231, Glenn Bass vs. N. Y. Jets, Nov. 8, 1964

Most Touchdown Passes
Lifetime – 36, Elbert Dubenion
Season – 10, Elbert Dubenion, 1964
Game – 3, Wray Carlton vs. Oakland, Oct. 23, 1960

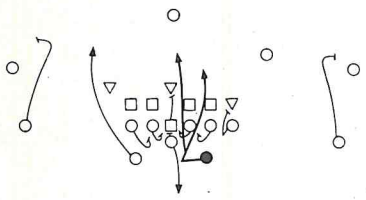
INTERCEPTIONS

Most Interceptions By
Lifetime – 40, George Byrd
Season – 10, Billy Atkins, 1961
Tom Janik, 1967
Game – 3, Billy Atkins vs. N. Y. Jets, Oct. 16, 1960
Marv Matusak vs. Houston, Oct. 7, 1962
Charley Warner vs. Denver, Sept. 19, 1965
Tom Janik vs. Boston, Dec. 9, 1967
George Byrd vs. Houston, Oct. 5, 1969

Longest Return
100, Tom Janik vs. N.Y. Jets, Sept. 29, 1968

CINCINNATI BENGALS

Fullback draw one of oldest Paul Brown plays



It has been done slowly and carefully, the way a great artist toils over one of his precious works. Paul Brown, the acknowledged master of his trade, has been patient and loving. He has built a football team in the image of the dynasty he once created back in Cleveland.

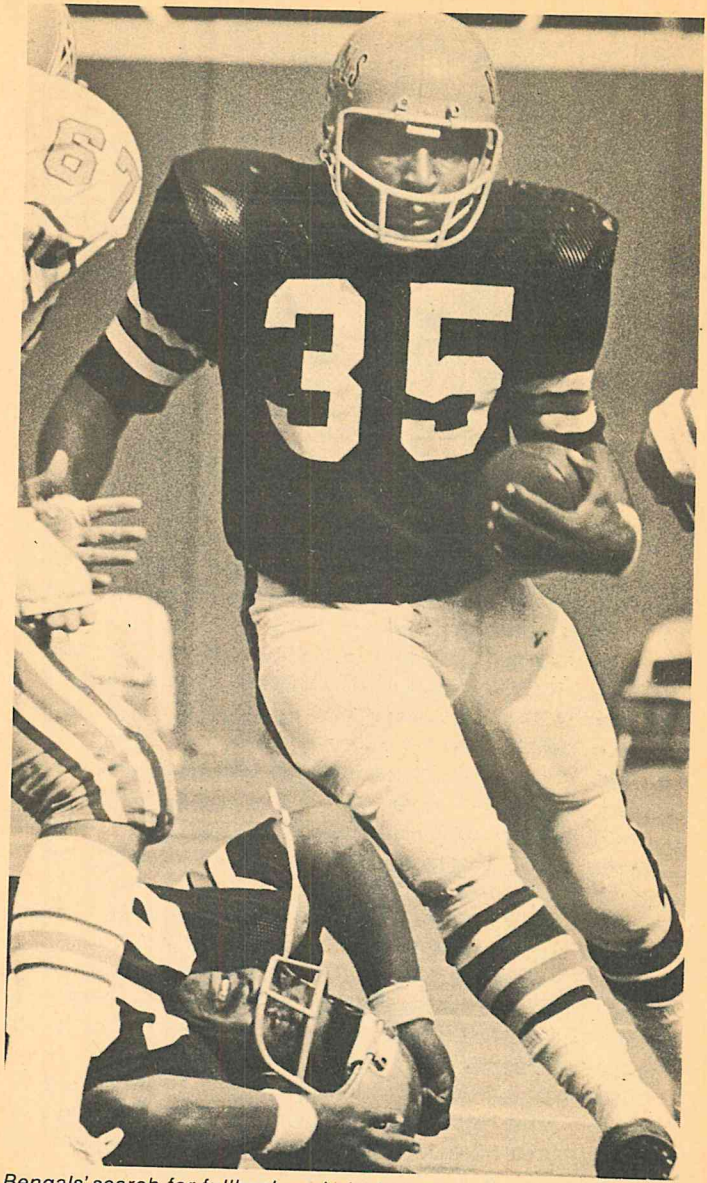
And now it is close to readiness. The Cincinnati Bengals are right on the verge. They could pounce into the Super Bowl at any time.

Maybe even this year.

There isn't another team this side of Florida that has as many young, quality players as Cincinnati. They're everywhere you look, on offense and defense. And under Brown's precise guidance, they can only get better.

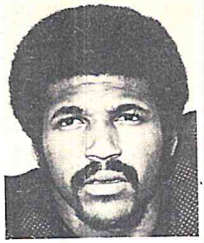
It begins offensively, where perhaps the two best rookies in football last year were Isaac Curtis, the streamlined receiver, and Charles (Boobie) Clark, the brute of a fullback. Ken Anderson is a rising, young quarterback who improved spectacularly in his third year. Vernon Holland looks like a future all-pro at tackle and tight end Bob Trumpy, the old man of the group at 28, is a two-time Pro Bowl participant.

The defense features Mike Reid, the piano player who operates more like a piano mover up front. He's a two-time all-pro. Bill Bergey is an outstanding middle linebacker, Lemar Parrish a fine cornerback and Tommy Casanova a brilliant safety.



Bengals' search for fullback ended when they signed Boobie Clark.

Quarterback Ken Anderson



Wide Receiver Isaac Curtis

Cornerback Lemar Parrish

Linebacker Ken Avery

And, as usual, there is help forthcoming from the latest draft. Bill Kollar, built like some of the mountains surrounding him at Montana State, will get a chance in the defensive line, and skittery Charlie Davis, from Colorado, should work in as a Bengals' running back.

Curtis, who suddenly blossomed into the league's top bomb threat late in the year, finished with 45 catches, with 9, or 20 percent of them, resulting in touchdowns. Charlie Joiner, the Bengals' best player in training camp a year ago, will work the other side, if he can avoid the injuries that cut him down most of last year. Chip Myers, who caught 57 passes two years ago, also was hampered by injury.

Trumpy can't be any better established at tight end. Holland, just beginning to come, teams with solid Rufus Mayes at tackle. Pat Matson is one guard, with Howard Fest and John Shinners alternating as Brown's messenger guards. Bob Johnson is one of the team leaders at center.

Anderson, at 25, is starting to feel comfortable as the man who carries out Brown's orders. He was the third-best thrower in the American Conference last fall, with 2,428 yards and 18 touchdown passes. His

new understudy is Wayne Clark, acquired from San Diego. Mike Ernst is also available. And Greg Cook has decided to make one last try at a comeback this summer.

Boobie Clark, who ran for 988 yards, was outgained only by his partner in the Bengals' backfield, quick, little Essex Johnson, who wound up just three yards short of 1,000. Doug Dressler, an ex-starter who missed last year with a bum knee, will be returning along with Davis and another interesting rookie, Haskel Stanback, a 205-pounder from Tennessee.

Kollar, the number one draft choice, will try to work into a front four that finds Reid and Ron Carpenter at tackles, with Royce Berry and Sherman White at ends. Carpenter, the most consistent lineman on the team, led everyone in tackles. Berry is steady, while White is both more spectacular and more erratic. Bergey had his best pro year at middle linebacker. And Al Beauchamp and Ron Pritchard, the outside backers, have to be competent to keep hustling Ken Avery out of the regular lineup.

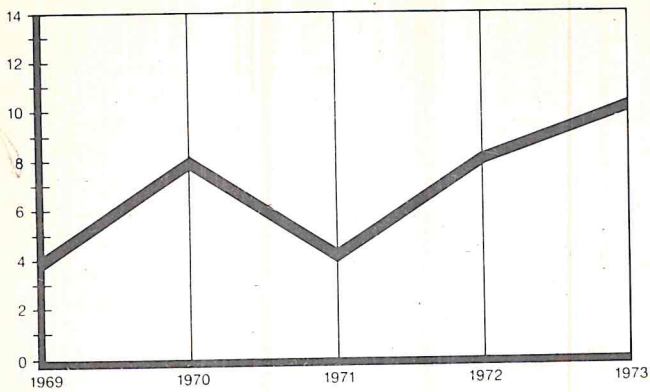
Parrish and Ken Riley are sound cornerbacks; Neal Craig and Tommy Casanova are excellent safeties. And Bernard Jackson is such a good athlete, he remains a solid bet to beat out somebody.

Horst Muhlmann had an outstanding season placekicking. And what punter Dave Lewis doesn't get in length, he usually makes up for in height.

The Bengals were 10-4 and winners of the competitive Central Division last year. In the first round, they drew Miami in the playoffs. But they didn't collapse. They kept in the game for over a half and might have extended the Dolphins as much as anyone in the tournament.

This year, they could extend them even more.

NOTES—Joiner, considered one of the Bengals' keys in 1974, caught only 13 passes for 214 yards last year. He was injured in the final preseason game, then went out again, eventually making only four regular season appearances. When he did return, it loosened things up considerably for Curtis. Isaac, who might



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have been the team's most valuable player down the stretch, was bothered by Miami's bump-and-run tactics in the playoffs. But the new rules should help, and Curtis learns fast... Rich Bishop, the fifth-round pick from Louisville, is a stocky, 6-foot, 275-pound defensive lineman the coaching staff liked in rookie camp...David Lapham, a 255-pounder, is a third round pick from Syracuse who could win a spot in the offensive line...Daryl White, the 252-pound fourth round choice, is another strong blocking candidate...Typical Paul Brown move: Quarterback Mike Boryla from Stanford was drafted on the fourth round. The Bengals, already deep in passers, traded him to Philadelphia for a couple of high draft choices. Few coaches use the draft as well as Brown...Muhlmann was fifth in the conference in scoring with 94 points... Evan Jolitz, a number three pick from the University of Cincinnati, is in tough. He has to try to make this team at linebacker, where the Bengals are loaded.

Stadium: **Riverfront (AstroTurf; 56,200)** Colors: **Orange, Black, and White**

THE COACHING STAFF

Paul Brown requires no introduction. He already has secured his place in history as one of pro football's best coaches. He will be entering his seventh year with the Bengals and his fortieth season of coaching. Last year's AFC Central Division championship was his second in Cincinnati. His coaching staff includes Jack Donaldson, offensive backs; Bill Johnson, offensive line; and Bill Walsh, handling the quarterbacks and receivers. Chuck Weber is the defensive coordinator. His assistants are Chuck Studley, line, and Howard Birnker, linebackers. The trainer is Marvin Pollins and the equipment manager is Tom Gray.

1974 SCHEDULE

PRESEASON

Aug. 3	MIAMI	8:00
Aug. 10	PHILADELPHIA	8:00
Aug. 17	at Atlanta	9:00
Aug. 26	DETROIT	9:00
Sept. 1	vs. Cleveland at Columbus, Ohio	2:00
Sept. 6	vs. Green Bay (Milwaukee)	8:00

REGULAR SEASON

Sept. 15	CLEVELAND	1:00
Sept. 22	SAN DIEGO	1:00
Sept. 29	at San Francisco	1:00
Oct. 6	WASHINGTON	1:00
Oct. 13	at Cleveland	1:00
Oct. 20	at Oakland	1:00
Oct. 27	HOUSTON	1:00
Nov. 3	at Baltimore	2:00
Nov. 10	PITTSBURGH	4:00
Nov. 17	at Houston	1:00
Nov. 24	KANSAS CITY	1:00
Dec. 2	at Miami (Monday)	9:00
Dec. 8	DETROIT	1:00
Dec. 14	at Pittsburgh (Saturday)	1:00

1974 BENGALS VETERAN ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Exp.	College	Games in 1973
52	Adams, Doug	LB	6-1	222	24	4	Ohio State	12
14	Anderson, Ken	QB	6-2	211	25	4	Augustana, Ill	14
51	Avery, Ken	LB	6-1	227	30	8	Southern Mississippi	14
58	Beauchamp, Al	LB	6-2	237	30	7	Southern U.	14
66	Bergey, Bill	LB	6-2	243	29	6	Arkansas State	14
82	Berry, Royce	DE	6-4	250	28	6	Houston	14
29	Blackwood, Lyle	S	6-0	189	23	2	Texas Christian	7
70	Carpenter, Ron	DT	6-4	261	26	5	North Carolina State	13
37	Casanova, Tom	S	6-2	202	24	3	Louisiana State	10
81	Chandler, Al	TE	6-2	233	23	2	Oklahoma	13
79	Chomyszak, Steve	DT	6-6	265	30	8	Syracuse	12
35	Clark, Charles	RB	6-2	245	23	2	Bethune-Cookman	14
	Clark, Wayne (1)	QB	6-3	203	27	4	U.S. International	11
12	Cook, Greg	QB	6-4	215	27	3	Cincinnati	1
88	Coslet, Bruce	TE	6-3	227	27	6	Pacific, Ore.	13
34	Craig, Neal	S	6-1	191	26	4	Fisk	14
65	Curtis, Isaac	WR	6-1	193	23	2	San Diego State	14
50	Deleone, Tom	C	6-2	252	24	3	Ohio State	14
44	Dressler, Doug (2)	RB	6-3	228	26	4	Chico State	0
30	Elliott, Lenvil	RB	6-0	200	23	2	Northeast Missouri	6
17	Ernst, Mike	QB	6-1	190	24	3	Cal State-Fullerton	1
72	Fest, Howard	T	6-6	262	28	7	Texas	14
89	George, Tim	WR	6-5	225	22	2	Carson-Newman	12
41	Green, Dave (3)	P	5-11	200	24	2	Ohio U.	6
76	Holland, Vernon	T	6-6	268	26	4	Tennessee State	14
23	Jackson, Bernard	CB	6-0	173	24	3	Washington State	14
54	Johnson, Bob	C	6-5	262	27	7	Tennessee	14
19	Johnson, Essex	RB	5-9	201	27	7	Grambling	14
80	Johnson, Ken	DE	6-6	265	27	4	Indiana	9
18	Joiner, Charlie	WR	5-11	188	26	6	Grambling	5
32	Jones, Bob	S	6-1	194	23	2	Virginia Union	9
56	Kearney, Tim	LB	6-2	227	24	3	Northern Michigan	14
55	Leclair, Jim	LB	6-2	226	24	3	North Dakota	10
15	Lewis, Dave	P	6-2	225	29	5	Stanford	14
73	Matson, Pat	G	6-1	245	30	9	Oregon	14
71	Mayes, Rufus	T	6-5	260	25	6	Ohio State	13
16	Muhlmann, Horst	K	6-2	219	34	6	None	14
25	Myers, Chip	WR	6-6	210	29	7	Northwest Oklahoma	5
20	Parrish, Lemar	CB	5-11	185	26	5	Lincoln, Mo.	14
60	Pritchard, Ron	LB	6-1	235	27	6	Arizona State	10
74	Reid, Mike	DT	6-3	255	26	5	Penn State	13
13	Riley, Ken	CB	5-11	181	26	6	Florida A&M	14
64	Shinners, John	G	6-3	255	27	6	Xavier	14
78	Thomas, Lee	DE	6-5	240	28	4	Jackson State	9
84	Trumpy, Bob	TE	6-6	228	28	7	Utah	14
75	Walters, Stan	T	6-6	270	25	3	Syracuse	4
83	White, Sherman	DE	6-5	255	25	3	California	13
46	Wilson, Joe	RB	5-10	210	23	2	Holy Cross	13

(1) Played 11 games for San Diego in 1973
(2) Missed entire 1973 season because of injury
(3) Played 5 games for Houston, 1 with Cincinnati in 1973

TOP DRAFT CHOICES

Round	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Exp.	College
1	Kollar, Bill	DT	6-4	254	21	R	Montana State
2	Davis, Charles	RB	5-11	205	22	R	Colorado
3	Lapham, Dave	T	6-4	255	22	R	Syracuse
3a	Jolitz, Evan	LB	6-3	225	22	R	Cincinnati
4a	White, Daryl	G	6-3	252	22	R	Nebraska

1973 LEADERS

Rushing (yards)	Essex Johnson	997
Passing (percentage)	Ken Anderson	54.4
Passing (yards)	Ken Anderson	2,428
Passing (touchdowns)	Ken Anderson	18
Receiving (number)	Boobie Clark and Isaac Curtis	45
Receiving (yards)	Isaac Curtis	843
Interceptions (number)	Tom Casanova	4
Punting (average)	Dave Lewis	41.0
Punt Returns (average)	Lemar Parrish	8.0
Kickoff Returns (average)	Bernard Jackson	24.8
Field Goals	Horst Muhlmann	21
Touchdowns	Isaac Curtis	9
Points	Horst Muhlmann	94

RECENT TRADES

Rookie quarterback Mike Boryla to Phildelphia for draft choices.

Quarterback Virgil Carter to San Diego for quarterback Wayne Clark.

Running back Reece Morrison purchased by San Diego.

Sherman White's long arms reach out for Cleveland's Leroy Kelly.

The 10-4-0 Season of 1973

SEPT. 16 Scoring drives of 80, 72, and 80 yards, capped by Little's three touchdowns, paced Broncos. *Denver 28, Cincinnati 10.*

SEPT. 23 Johnson rushed for career-high 131 yards and caught five passes for 49 more to lead victory. *Cincinnati 24, Houston 10.*

SEPT. 30 Johnson caught touchdown passes of 78 and 38 yards, and rushed for 121 yards. *Cincinnati 20, San Diego 13.*

OCT. 7 Kelly's two touchdowns helped offset 60-yard touchdown pass from Anderson to Curtis. *Cleveland 17, Cincinnati 10.*

OCT. 14 Muhlmann's four field goals, plus Clark's 112 yards rushing powered Bengals over Steelers. *Cincinnati 19, Pittsburgh 7.*

OCT. 21 Bengals used Paul Brown high school double reverse to fool Chiefs and spark victory. *Cincinnati 14, Kansas City 6.*

OCT. 28 Hanratty, subbing for injured Bradshaw, threw touchdown to Shanklin on first attempt. *Pittsburgh 20, Cincinnati 13.*

NOV. 4 Jordan intercepted three Anderson passes and Staubach threw for three Dallas touchdowns. *Dallas 38, Cincinnati 10.*

NOV. 11 Muhlmann kicked winning 33-yard field goal for Bengals with three seconds remaining. *Cincinnati 16, Buffalo 13.*

NOV. 18 Furious goal-line stand held off Namath-inspired Jets, who once trailed game 17-0. *Cincinnati 20, New York Jets 14.*

NOV. 25 Rookie back Elliott scored two touchdowns, one passing, one running in Bengals romp. *Cincinnati 42, St. Louis 24.*

DEC. 2 Bengals kept their playoff hopes alive, handing Vikings their first shutout in 162 games. *Cincinnati 27, Minnesota 0.*

DEC. 9 Curtis caught three touchdown passes as Bengals completed perfect 7-0 home record. *Cincinnati 34, Cleveland 17.*

DEC. 16 Bengals held off late Oilers rally and won their second AFC Central title in four years. *Cincinnati 27, Houston 24.*

BENGALS RECORDS

SCORING

Most Points
Lifetime – 484, Horst Muhlmann
Season – 111, Horst Muhlmann, 1972
Game – 19, Horst Muhlmann vs. Buffalo, Nov. 8, 1970
Horst Muhlmann vs. Houston, Dec. 17, 1972

Most Touchdowns
Lifetime – 24, Bob Trumpy
Season – 9, Bob Trumpy, 1969
Isaac Curtis, 1973
Game – 3, Bob Trumpy vs. Houston, Nov. 9, 1969
Isaac Curtis vs. Cleveland, Dec. 9, 1973

Most Points After Touchdown Made
Lifetime – 157, Horst Muhlmann
Season – 33, Horst Muhlmann, 1970
Game – 7, Horst Muhlmann vs. Houston, Dec. 17, 1972

Most Field Goals Made
Lifetime – 109, Horst Muhlmann
Season – 27, Horst Muhlmann, 1972
Game – 5, Horst Muhlmann vs. Buffalo, Nov. 8, 1970
Horst Muhlmann vs. Pittsburgh, Sept. 24, 1972

Longest Field Goal
53, Horst Muhlmann vs. San Diego, Dec. 6, 1970

RUSHING

Most Attempts
Lifetime – 618, Essex Johnson
Season – 254, Boobie Clark, 1973
Game – 28, Boobie Clark vs. Pittsburgh, Oct. 14, 1973

Most Yards Gained
Lifetime – 2,849, Essex Johnson
Season – 1,023, Paul Robinson, 1968
Game – 159, Paul Robinson vs. Oakland, Oct. 27, 1968

Most Games, 100 or More Yards
Lifetime – 6, Paul Robinson
Season – 4, Paul Robinson, 1968

Longest Run From Scrimmage
87, Paul Robinson vs. Oakland, Oct. 27, 1968

PASSING

Most Passes Attempted
Lifetime – 761, Ken Anderson
Season – 329, Ken Anderson, 1973
Game – 47, Virgil Carter vs. Kansas City, Oct. 18, 1970

Most Passes Completed
Lifetime – 422, Ken Anderson
Season – 179, Ken Anderson, 1973
Game – 23, Virgil Carter vs. Kansas City, Oct. 18, 1970

Most Yards Gained
Lifetime – 5,123, Ken Anderson
Season – 2,438, Ken Anderson, 1973
Game – 322, Greg Cook vs. San Diego, Sept. 21. 1969

Longest Pass Completion
90, Virgil Carter to Speedy Thomas vs. Philadelphia, Sept. 19, 1971

Most Touchdown Passes
Lifetime – 30, Ken Anderson
Season – 18, Ken Anderson, 1973
Game – 4, Greg Cook vs. Houston, Nov. 9, 1969

PASS RECEPTIONS

Most Pass Receptions
Lifetime – 216, Bob Trumpy
Season – 57, Chip Myers, 1972
Game – 10, Essex Johnson vs. Pittsburgh, Oct. 28, 1973

Most Yards Gained
Lifetime – 3,430, Bob Trumpy
Season – 855, Eric Crabtree, 1969
Game – 177, Speedy Thomas vs. Denver, Dec. 14, 1969

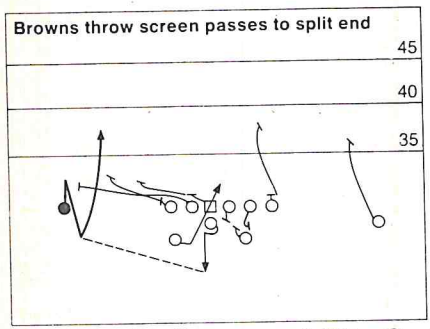
Most Touchdown Passes
Lifetime – 24, Bob Trumpy
Season – 9, Bob Trumpy, 1969
Isaac Curtis, 1973
Game – 3, Bob Trumpy vs. Houston, Nov. 9, 1969
Isaac Curtis vs. Cleveland, Dec..9, 1973

INTERCEPTIONS

Most Interceptions By
Lifetime – 19, Lemar Parrish
Season – 7, Lemar Parrish
Game – 3, Lemar Parrish vs. Houston, Nov. 9, 1969

Longest Return
70, Harry Gunner vs. Kansas City, touchdown, Oct. 26, 1969

CLEVELAND BROWNS

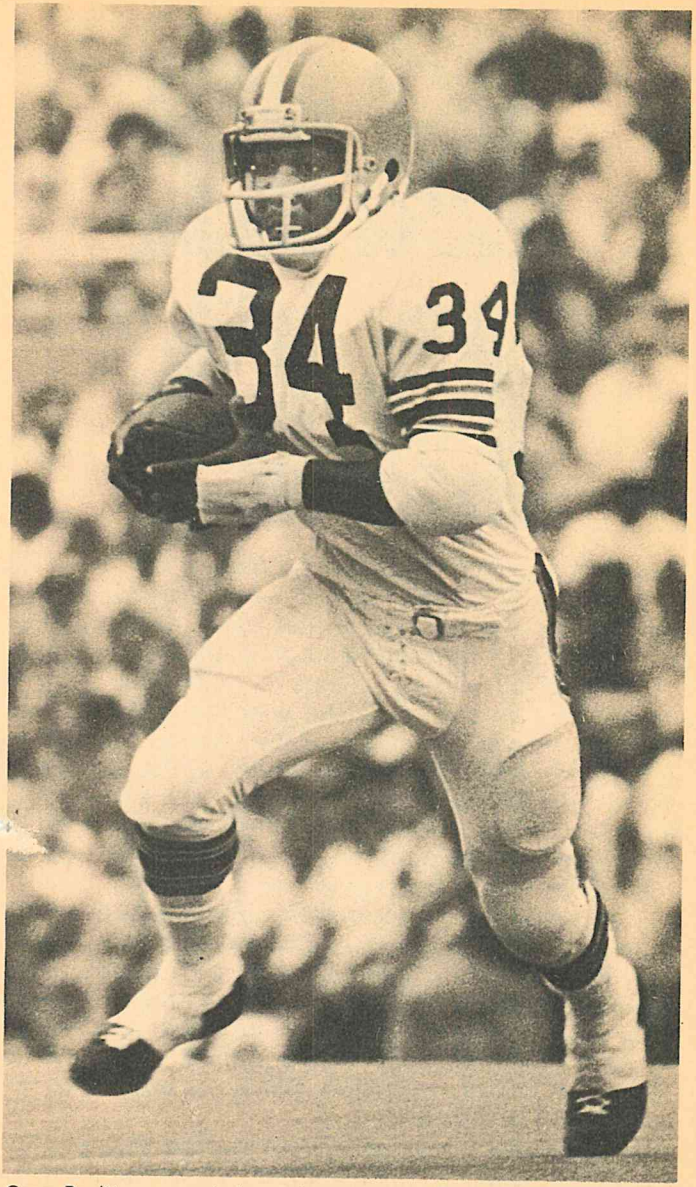


If it sounds unbelievable, just think what they must be going through in Cleveland. The Browns with a Punch and Judy offense? The Browns unable to score? The Cleveland Browns? The team of Jim Brown and Otto Graham and Leroy Kelly and Lou Groza? Somebody's putting us on, right?

Wrong. In his third year as head coach, Nick Skorich couldn't get his team into either the end zone or the playoffs. The Browns were twenty-third in the National Football League in pass offense. It was the second worst scoring year in their history. It was...well, frustrating.

So Skorich's top priority mission is no secret this fall. He's hired a new offensive coordinator, Dick Wood, who'll work directly with Mike Phipps, the talented, young quarterback. He'll utilize Greg Pruitt, his exciting little game breaker, as much as possible. And he'll try to find some receivers who can catch the bomb.

Phipps is the five-year veteran from Purdue who took over as the starter two years ago, then acted as if he wanted to give the job back at times last year. A big part of Phipps's problem throwing the ball is that no one was there to catch it with any consistency. Frank Pitts and Fair Hooker did not enjoy good seasons. The hope is that Steve Holden, the number one draft pick of 1973, can overcome the problems he had as a rookie and contribute something as a



Greg Pruitt averaged six yards a carry as a Cleveland rookie.

Running Back Ken Brown

Safety Thom Darden

Defensive Tackle Jerry Sherk

Quarterback Mike Phipps

sophomore to the Cleveland passing attack.

Pruitt, with all that speed and those waterbug moves, averaged 6.0 yards per carry. Unfortunately for Cleveland fans, he was only allowed to carry 61 times. That should change in 1974. The Browns would like to use Pruitt the way the Dolphins use Mercury Morris. With Leroy Kelly nearing the end of a brilliant career, the other regular in the Cleveland backfield could be Bo Scott, trying to come back from an injury, Ken Brown, or Billy Lefear. Or maybe Hugh McKinnis or even a 6-foot 3-inch, 230-pound rookie from West Texas State named Billy Pritchett.

Tight end might be the most solid position on the team with Milt Morin and Chip Glass. Young Bob McKay and Doug Dieken are good tackles. Pete Adams, another number one draft pick from two years ago, will come back after an injury and is expected to move in at one guard. Veteran John Demarie will be the other guard, with Bob DeMarco providing the foundation at center.

The Cleveland defense is a lot more fun to talk about than the offense. It jelled last year, just about the time Bob Babich, the new middle linebacker, arrived in a

trade with San Diego. Voted the team's co-most valuable player, Babich had to undergo off-season knee surgery, but is expected to come back at full strength.

The defensive ends, another problem area two years ago, were much better in 1973. Joe Jones and Lester Sims did a creditable job. The tackles, Walter Johnson and Pro Bowler Jerry Sherk, are among the best in football. Improving Charlie Hall and steady John Garlington are the linebackers who flank Babich.

Clarence Scott made the Pro Bowl, the All-AFC team and was co-most valuable player with Babich. His new partner at cornerback is expected to be third-year man Clifford Brooks. Ben Davis, the starter last fall, was traded to Detroit.

Consistent Walt Sumner is the strong safety, with flashy Thom Darden at free safety.

Cleveland's all-purpose kicker is Don Cockroft, who continues to be one of the best in the NFL.

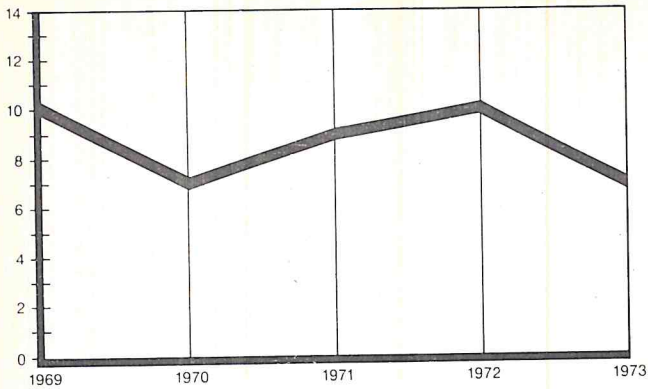
The Browns are a funny team. They don't really scare many teams offensively or defensively. But, somehow, they always hang in there. They rarely get blown out of a game. And more often than not, if opponents aren't careful, they'll look up at the end of four quarters and discover they've lost.

The Browns almost beat Miami early in the season in a Monday night television game. They knocked off Cincinnati 17-10. They defeated Oakland 7-3 and Pittsburgh 21-16. Yet, they finished with a 7-5-2 record. And in the rugged AFC Central Division, that wasn't good enough.

This fall, the schedule isn't quite as difficult. And if Phipps can start throwing the way he did in 1973 and Pruitt can continue breaking those long runs and the defense continues to improve...

Well, it could be a pleasant time at Municipal Stadium.

NOTES—Phipps finished with only nine touchdown passes among his 299 attempts. He ranked tenth among passers in the American Conference... Last year, the Browns played Miami, Minnesota, Oakland, and Los Angeles. This time, the schedule is consider-



Browns Victories Last Five Years

ably easier. Oakland and Dallas are the only non-division playoff teams they will face...The coaching staff is enthused over Don Scott, a ninth-round draft choice from Ohio State, where he worked as All-America John Hicks's understudy...The Browns did not have a productive draft. They had just one pick in the first five rounds. Their top choice, Billy Corbett, from J. C. Smith, signed with Canada...Scott, a workhorse runner for the Browns in the past, carried only 34 times for a 2.3 average in 1973...A rookie to watch is Preston Anderson, a sixteenth round pick from Rice who impressed the coaches as a cornerback with a future in rookie camp.

Cleveland, a team that had great problems against the run in 1972, improved rapidly in that area last year. The coaches credit most of that improvement to Babich, who they say could be the best middle linebacker in the history of the franchise...The highest draft pick in camp (number five) will be Mark Ilgenfritz, a 6-foot 4-inch, 250-pound defensive end from Vanderbuilt.

Stadium: **Cleveland Stadium (Grass; 79,282)** Colors: **Seal Brown, Burnt Orange, and White**

THE COACHING STAFF

Nick Skorich made the playoffs his first two years as a head coach in Cleveland. Last year he just missed, an oversight he hopes to rectify in 1974. Overall, his record with the Browns is 26-14-2. His complete head coaching record is 41-38-3. The Browns' offensive coaches include Dick Wood, coordinator; Forrest Gregg, line; Fran Polsfoot, receivers; and Al Tabor, running backs. Richie McCabe is the defensive coordinator and handles the secondary, with Dale Lindsey coaching the linebackers and Dick Modzelewski the line. Leo Murphy is the trainer and Morrie Kono is the equipment manager.

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82	Aldridge, Allen (1)	DE	6-6	245	29	3	Prairie View	0
52	Andrews, Billy	LB	6-1	220	29	8	Southeast Louisiana	5
60	Babich, Bob	LB	6-2	231	27	5	Miami, Ohio	14
74	Barisich, Carl	DT	6-4	255	23	2	Princeton	14
84	Briggs, Bob	DE	6-4	258	29	7	Heidelberg	12
23	Brooks, Cliff	CB	6-1	190	25	3	Tennessee State	14
30	Brown, Ken	RB	5-10	203	28	5	None	14
12	Cockroft, Don	K	6-1	195	29	7	Adams State	14
64	Copeland, Jim	C-G	6-2	243	29	8	Virginia	14
27	Darden, Thom	CB	6-2	195	24	3	Michigan	11
61	DeMarco, Bob	C	6-2	248	35	14	Dayton	13
65	Demarie, John	G	6-3	246	29	8	Louisiana State	14
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43	Hooker, Fair	WR	6-1	195	27	6	Arizona State	13
13	Horn, Don	QB	6-2	195	29	8	San Diego State	14
67	Hutchison, Chuck	G	6-3	250	25	5	Ohio State	2
71	Johnson, Walter	DT	6-4	265	31	10	Cal State-Los Angeles	14
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Round	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Exp.	College
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7	Herrick, Bob	WR	6-0	185	21	R	Purdue
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8a	Brown, Eddie	DB	5-10	180	21	R	Tennessee

1973 LEADERS

Rushing (yards)	Ken Brown	537
Passing (percentage)	Mike Phipps	49.5
Passing (yards)	Mike Phipps	1,719
Passing (touchdowns)	Mike Phipps	9
Receiving (number)	Frank Pitts	31
Receiving (yards)	Milt Morin	417
Interceptions (number)	Clarence Scott	5
Punting (average)	Don Cockroft	40.5
Punt Returns (average)	Greg Pruitt	11.3
Kickoff Returns (average)	Greg Pruitt	28.3
Field Goals	Don Cockroft	22
Touchdowns	Mike Phipps and Greg Pruitt	5
Points	Don Cockroft	90

RECENT TRADES

Cornerback Ben Davis to Detroit for a draft choice.

Bob Babich, middle linebacker, was club's co-most valuable player.

The 7-5-2 Season of 1973

SEPT. 16 Phipps completed 12 of 26 passes, including two touchdown strikes to Pitts, in opening win. *Cleveland 24, Baltimore 14.*

SEPT. 23 For fourth straight year, Browns failed to score touchdown in Three Rivers Stadium. *Pittsburgh 33, Cleveland 6.*

SEPT. 30 Cockroft kicked field goals of 11, 27, 30, and 10 yards to lead Browns comeback. *Cleveland 12, New York Giants 10.*

OCT. 7 Kelly ran for 3-yard touchdown in second quarter, and added 7-yarder in third period. *Cleveland 17, Cincinnati 10.*

OCT. 15 Csonka scored two touchdowns, rushed for 114 yards; Dolphins sacked Phipps five times. *Miami 17, Cleveland 9.*

OCT. 21 Phipps, 11 of 19, passed to Hooker and Pitts for touchdowns and ran for two himself. *Cleveland 42, Houston 13.*

OCT. 28 Wersching's 16-yard field goal gave Chargers tie in contest played in steady downpour. *Cleveland 16, San Diego 16.*

NOV. 4 Browns managed only four first downs and 145 yards against stubborn Vikings defense. *Minnesota 26, Cleveland 3.*

NOV. 11 Behind Pruitt's 53-yard touchdown run, Browns exploded for 17 first-quarter points. *Cleveland 23, Houston 13.*

NOV. 18 Phipps passed to Hooker for touchdown, and Browns shut out Raiders until final 4:46. *Cleveland 7, Oakland 3.*

NOV. 25 Pruitt ran 19 yards for winning touchdown with 1:01 to play for comeback Browns win. *Cleveland 21, Pittsburgh 16.*

DEC. 2 Browns scored two touchdowns in final six minutes on Pruitt run and Phipps pass to Morin. *Cleveland 20, Kansas City 20.*

DEC. 9 Bengals routed Browns in showdown behind three Anderson-to-Curtis touchdown passes. *Cincinnati 34, Cleveland 17.*

DEC. 16 Browns committed five turnovers and Rams took commanding 27-10 halftime lead. *Los Angeles 30, Cleveland 17.*

BROWNS RECORDS

SCORING

Most Poins
Lifetime – 1,349, Lou Groza
Season – 126, Jim Brown, 1965
Game – 36, Dub Jones vs. Chi. Bears, Nov. 25, 1951

Most Touchdowns
Lifetime – 126, Jim Brown
Season – 21, Jim Brown, 1965
Game – 6, Dub Jones vs. Chi. Bears, Nov. 25, 1951

Most Points After Touchdown Made
Lifetime – 641, Lou Groza
Season – 51, Lou Groza, 1966
Game – 8, Lou Groza vs. N. Y. Giants, Dec. 6, 1953

Most Field Goals Made
Lifetime – 234, Lou Groza
Season – 23, Lou Groza, 1953
Game – 4, Lou Groza vs. Washington, Oct. 26, 1952
Lou Groza vs. St. Louis, Sept. 20, 1964
Lou Groza vs. St. Louis, Dec. 6, 1964
Don Cockroft vs. San Francisco, Nov. 3, 1968
Don Cockroft vs. Pittsburgh, Nov. 19, 1972

Longest Field Goal
57, Don Cockroft vs. Denver, Oct. 29, 1972

RUSHING

Most Attempts
Lifetime – 2,359, Jim Brown
Season – 305, Jim Brown, 1961
Game – 37, Jim Brown vs. Chi. Cardinals, Oct. 4, 1959

Most Yards Gained
Lifetime – 12,312, Jim Brown
Season – 1,863, Jim Brown, 1963
Game – 237, Jim Brown vs. Los Angeles, Nov. 24, 1957;
Jim Brown vs. Philadelphia, Nov. 19, 1961

Most Games, 100 or More Yards
Lifetime – 58, Jim Brown
Season – 9, Jim Brown, 1958, 1963

Longest Run From Scrimmage
90, Bobby Mitchell vs. Washington, Nov. 15, 1959

PASSING

Most Passes Attempted
Lifetime – 1,755, Frank Ryan
Season – 382, Frank Ryan, 1966
Game – 49, Otto Graham vs. Pittsburgh, Oct. 4, 1952

Most Passes Completed
Lifetime – 907, Frank Ryan
Season – 200, Frank Ryan, 1966
Game – 23, Otto Graham vs. Washington, Dec. 20, 1950
Milt Plum vs. Pittsburgh, Nov. 20, 1960
Bill Nelsen vs. Dallas, Dec. 22, 1970

Most Yards Gained
Lifetime – 13,499, Otto Graham
Season – 2,974, Frank Ryan, 1966
Game – 401, Otto Graham vs. Pittsburgh, Oct. 4, 1952

Longest Pass Completion
87, Bill Nelsen to Milt Morin vs. Philadelphia, Nov. 24, 1968

Most Touchdown Passes
Lifetime – 134, Frank Ryan
Season – 29, Frank Ryan, 1966
Game – 5, Frank Ryan vs. N. Y. Giants, Dec. 12, 1964
Bill Nelsen vs. Dallas, Nov. 2, 1969

PASS RECEPTIONS

Most Pass Receptions
Lifetime – 331, Gary Collins
Season – 62, Mac Speedie, 1952
Game – 11, Mac Speedie vs. Chi. Bears, Nov. 9, 1952

Most Yards Gained
Lifetime – 5,508, Ray Renfro
Season – 1,067, Paul Warfield, 1968
Game – 182, Darrell Brewster vs. N. Y. Giants, Dec. 6, 1953

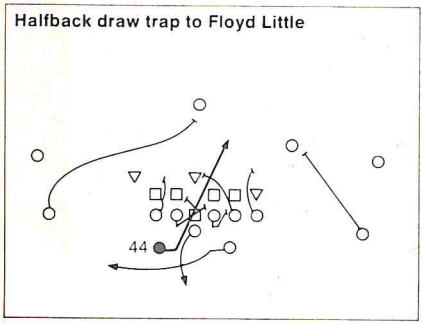
Most Touchdown Passes
Lifetime – 70, Gary Collins
Season – 13, Gary Collins, 1963
Game – 3, Mac Speedie vs. Chi. Bears, Nov. 20, 1951
Darrell Brewster vs. N. Y. Giants, Dec. 6, 1953
Ray Renfro vs. Pittsburgh, Nov. 22, 1959
Gary Collins vs. Philadelphia, Oct. 20, 1963

INTERCEPTIONS

Most Interceptions By
Lifetime – 40, Warren Lahr
Season – 9, Tommy James, 1950
Game – 3, Tommy James vs. Chi. Cardinals, Nov. 15, 1950
Tommy James vs. Washington, Nov. 1, 1953
Bobby Franklin vs. Chicago Bears, Dec. 11, 1960
Bernie Parrish vs. Dallas, Dec. 3, 1961
Ross Fichtner vs. Dallas, Oct. 23, 1966

Longest Return
92, Bernie Parrish vs. Chicago Bears, Dec. 11, 1960

DENVER BRONCOS



Halfback draw trap to Floyd Little

In Denver, John Ralston and the Broncos have created their own Rocky Mountain High.

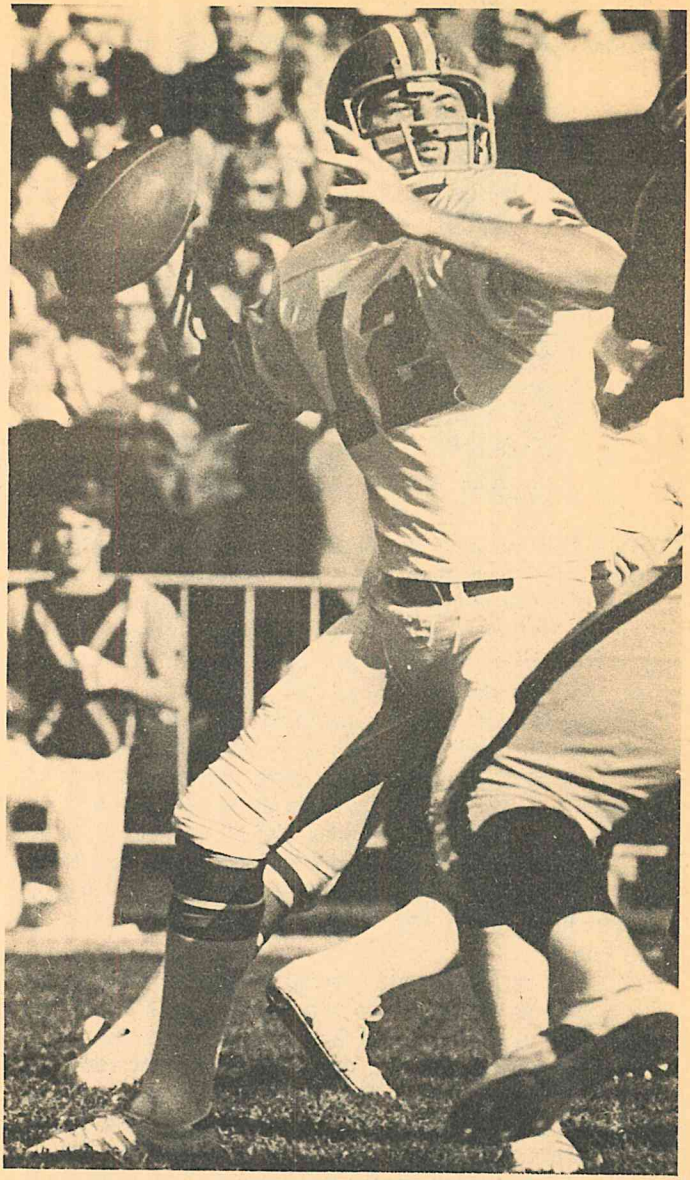
Once the push-overs of the American Conference West, Denver is suddenly moving up. And Ralston, with all that college enthusiasm, is clearly the one plotting the course.

In only his second year in Colorado, he guided the Broncos to a 7-5-2 finish, their first winning record ever, and a tie for second place. No previous Denver team ever wound up higher than third.

On the final Sunday of the regular season, the Broncos still had a shot at the playoffs. This year the goal is to keep going, to make the playoffs, and maybe even the Super Bowl. The way this team has been progressing, it could happen.

So far, Ralston has done it mostly with offense. A club that used to depend mainly on the wondrous moves of running back Floyd Little, the Broncos now like to come out throwing. And just when opponents start looking for the pass, Little and Joe Dawkins pounce out of the backfield and race into the clear.

It's a smooth, balanced attack. The only problem is that its foundation is a pair of shaky knees. Charley Johnson, the quarterback who has made Denver a winner, has spent more time on the operating table than Joe Namath. He underwent knee surgery for the sixth time during the off-season, and the Broncos are hopeful his legs will hold up through another tough,



The 20-touchdown arm of Charley Johnson has Denver a mile high.

Guard Larron Jackson

Wide Receiver Haven Moses

Cornerback Bill Thompson

Defensive End Lyle Alzado

14-game schedule in the National Football League.

Little, of course, is still there, running and catching and inspiring everyone in Denver. For all-around value, he might just be the most underrated player in the league. The man next to him doesn't get much credit, either. But Dawkins ran for 706 yards last year.

Johnson's two most imposing targets are Riley Odoms, the young tight end who is blossoming into an all-pro, and Haven Moses, who knows his way to the end zone. Eight of Moses's 28 catches went for touchdowns in 1973. Odoms led the club with 43 receptions for 629 yards and 7 touchdowns. The third receiver is usually slippery Jerry Simmons, although long-striding Gene Washington also should be of some value.

Ralston's blockers are young and improving. The only worry is huge Marv Montgomery, the regular tackle who is coming off a badly broken leg. Mike Current, the other tackle, has started 84 consecutive games for the Broncos. The guards are Larron Jackson, who can also play tackle, and maybe Paul Howard, the sophomore from BYU with potential to match his 6-foot 4-inch, 260-pound frame. The center is

Bobby Maples, a 10-year veteran who plays like one.

On defense, where opponents have been known to match touchdowns with Denver, the keys could be the two top draft choices. Randy Gradishar, the number one pick from Ohio State, will be given an extensive trial at middle linebacker. If he makes it, it could free Tom Graham to move to the strong side, where Broncos coaches think he could become another Bobby Bell.

The number two choice is Carl Wafer, who played in the considerable shadow of Ed (Too Tall) Jones at Tennessee State. Wafer could team with all-pro Paul Smith, perhaps the best of all the Broncos, to give Ralston a menacing pair of tackles. The ends are solid Lyle Alzado and either Barney Chavous, the starter as a rookie, or veteran Pete Duranko.

Ray May, who came to Denver early in the season last year, made his presence felt immediately at weak-side linebacker. The Broncos think a lineup of May, Gradishar, and Graham could be among the most imposing linebacker corps in the AFC.

The smallest player in the league was the biggest surprise in Colorado last fall. Cal Jones, all 5-foot 7-inches, 160 pounds of him, now looks like a fixture at cornerback. John Rowser, acquired in a trade with Pittsburgh, could be his new sidekick.

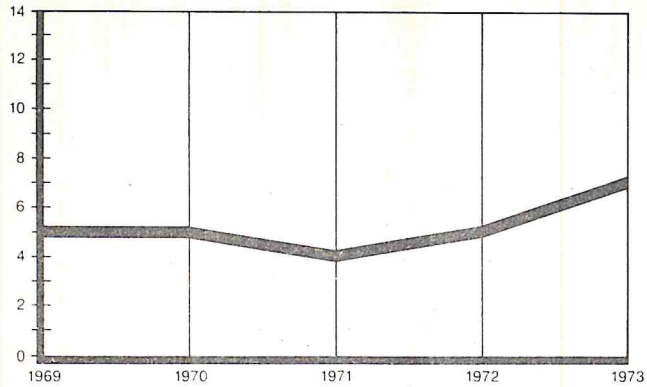
Billy Thompson had his best year at strong safety and Charles Greer, a respected veteran, is the free safety.

The kicking game is good. Punter Billy Van Heusen and placekicker Jim Turner both finished third in the AFC in their specialties.

Ralston has moved the Broncos up steadily in his two years on the job. From third place in 1972 to second place last year. They're happy, but they're not satisfied yet in Denver. A conference championship used to be just a dream.

Now the whole town thinks it could be a reality. And who's to argue with them? Certainly not Ralston.

NOTES—Although Steve Ramsey, who has started 14 games for Denver, is coming back, he is expected



Broncos Victories Last Five Years

to be pushed for the backup quarterback job by John Hufnagel, who proved he belonged last summer. On his first pass play as a pro, the former All-America from Penn State threw a 54-yard bomb to Billy Van Heusen for a touchdown...Chavous, last year's number two draft choice, could be shifted to defensive tackle, while Duranko, who played tackle last year, might be moved to end...Ralston's line depth will improve immeasurably if George Goeddeke, the established veteran who was out all last season, is able to come back strong...

Otis Armstrong, Little's heir apparent in Denver, is expected to be used more than last year. The Broncos' coaches are very impressed with both his speed and power...The sleeper could be Oliver Ross, a 6-foot 1-inch, 218-pound rookie running back from Alabama AM&N...Johnson completed 184 of 346 attempts last year and led the AFC with 20 touchdown passes...Ed Smith, from Colorado College, is a sophomore giant who reminds some Broncos fans of a young Rich Jackson...Bill Laskey, a veteran coming off surgery, could be the strongside linebacker if the Gradishar-Graham experiment doesn't pan out.

Stadium: **Mile High Stadium (Grass; 51,706)** Colors: **Burnt Orange, Academy Blue, and White**

THE COACHING STAFF

John Ralston has been a winner everywhere he's coached. After success at Utah State and then Stanford, where he finished with back-to-back Rose Bowl wins, the exuberant Ralston has quickly turned things around for the Broncos. He took them out of the cellar and into third place two years ago and to their first winning season in history in 1973. Overall, his pro record is 12-14-2 and rising. Ralston's offensive coaches are Max Coley, offensive coordinator; Jerry Frei, line; and Kay Dalton, receivers. Defensively, Joe Collier is the coordinator, helped by Doc Urich, line; Myrel Moore, linebackers; and Bob Gambold, secondary. Allen Hurst is the trainer and Larry Elliott the equipment man.

1974 SCHEDULE

PRESEASON

Aug. 3	NEW YORK JETS	8:00
Aug. 10	MINNESOTA	8:00
Aug. 18	at San Francisco	1:00
Aug. 24	at Green Bay	8:00
Aug. 31	vs. New England at Spokane, Wash.	7:00
Sept. 8	ATLANTA	7:30

REGULAR SEASON

Sept. 15	LOS ANGELES	2:00
Sept. 22	PITTSBURGH	2:00
Sept. 30	at Washington (Monday)	9:00
Oct. 6	at Kansas City	3:00
Oct. 13	NEW ORLEANS	2:00
Oct. 20	SAN DIEGO	2:00
Oct. 27	at Cleveland	1:00
Nov. 3	OAKLAND	2:00
Nov. 10	at Baltimore	2:00
Nov. 18	KANSAS CITY (Monday)	7:00
Nov. 24	at Oakland	1:00
Nov. 28	at Detroit (Thanksgiving)	12:30
Dec. 8	HOUSTON	2:00
Dec. 15	at San Diego	1:00

1974 BRONCOS VETERAN ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Exp.	College	Games in 1973
77	Alzado, Lyle	DE	6-3	265	25	4	Yankton, S.D.	14
11	Anderson, Bobby	RB	6-0	212	27	5	Colorado	12
24	Armstrong, Otis	RB	5-10	196	23	2	Purdue	14
73	Askea, Mike	T	6-4	260	23	2	Stanford	4
79	Chavous, Barney	DE	6-3	252	27	2	South Carolina State	14
	Coleman, Ralph (1)	LB	6-4	216	23	2	North Carolina A&T	0
53	Criter, Ken	LB	5-11	223	27	6	Wisconsin	14
74	Current, Mike	T	6-4	270	29	8	Ohio State	14
33	Dawkins, Joe	RB	6-2	223	26	5	Wisconsin	14
76	Domres, Tom (2)	DT	6-3	260	28	7	Wisconsin	0
55	Duranko, Pete	DT	6-2	250	29	8	Notre Dame	14
67	Goeddeke, George (3)	G	6-3	253	29	8	Notre Dame	0
58	Graham, Tom	LB	6-2	235	24	3	Oregon	14
63	Grant, John	DE	6-3	235	24	2	USC	13
20	Greer, Charles	S	6-0	205	28	7	Colorado	10
	Hepburn, Lonnie (4)	CB	5-11	180	26	3	Texas Southern	0
60	Howard, Paul	G	6-4	260	24	2	Brigham Young	14
62	Inman, Jerry	DT	6-2	256	34	7	Oregon	8
68	Jackson, Larron	T	6-3	270	25	4	Missouri	13
57	Jackson, Tom	LB	5-11	220	23	2	Louisville	8
12	Johnson, Charley	QB	6-1	200	35	14	New Mexico State	14
26	Jones, Calvin	CB	5-7	160	23	2	Washington	14
45	Laskey, Bill	LB	6-3	230	31	9	Michigan	11
44	Little, Floyd	RB	5-10	196	32	8	Syracuse	14
61	Lyons, Tommy	G	6-2	230	26	4	Georgia	14
50	Maples, Bobby	C	6-3	250	31	10	Baylor	14
81	Master, Billy	TE	6-5	240	30	8	Louisiana State	11
56	May, Ray	LB	6-1	230	29	8	USC	11
41	Mitchell, Leroy	CB	6-1	190	30	7	Texas Southern	12
78	Montgomery, Marv	T	6-6	255	27	4	USC	10
21	Montgomery, Randy	CB	5-11	182	26	5	Weber State	9
25	Moses, Haven	WR	6-2	208	29	6	San Diego State	14
54	Myrtle, Chip (5)	LB	6-2	225	29	8	Maryland	0
66	O'Malley, Jim	LB	6-1	230	23	2	Notre Dame	12
88	Odoms, Riley	TE	6-4	230	24	3	Houston	14
48	Pitts, John	S	6-4	218	29	8	Arizona State	7
10	Ramsey, Steve	QB	6-2	210	26	5	North Texas State	5
30	Ross, Oliver	RB	6-0	210	25	2	Alabama A&M	4
	Rowser, John (6)	CB	6-1	190	30	8	Michigan	14
64	Schnitker, Mike	G	6-3	245	27	6	Colorado	14
80	Simmons, Jerry	WR	6-1	190	31	10	Bethune-Cookman	14
51	Simone, Mike	LB	6-0	210	24	3	Stanford	14
75	Smith, Ed	DE	6-5	241	24	2	Colorado College	5
70	Smith, Paul	DT	6-3	256	29	7	New Mexico	14
36	Thompson, Bill	CB	6-1	201	28	6	Maryland	14
15	Turner, Jim	K	6-2	205	33	11	Utah State	14
23	Tyler, Maurice	S	6-0	188	24	3	Morgan State	14
42	Van Heusen, Billy	P-WR	6-1	200	28	7	Maryland	14
84	Washington, Gene	WR	6-3	205	28	8	Michigan State	14

(1) Last active with Dallas in 1972
(2) Missed entire 1973 season because of injury
(3) Missed entire 1973 season because of injury
(4) Last active with Baltimore in 1971
(5) Missed entire 1973 season because of injury
(6) Played 14 games with Pittsburgh in 1973

TOP DRAFT CHOICES

Round	Name	Pos	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Exp.	College
1	Gradishar, Randy	LB	6-3	233	22	R	Ohio State
2	Wafer, Carl	DT	6-4	250	23	R	Tennessee State
3	Minor, Claudie	T	6-4	282	23	R	San Diego State
4	Collier, Ozell	CB	5-9	175	23	R	Colorado
6	Winesberry, John	WR	6-1	190	21	R	Stanford

1973 LEADERS

Rushing (yards)	Floyd Little 979
Passing (percentage)	Charley Johnson 53.2
Passing (yards)	Charley Johnson 2,465
Passing (touchdowns)	Charley Johnson 20
Receiving (number)	Riley Odoms 43
Receiving (yards)	Riley Odoms 629
Interceptions (number)	Calvin Jones 4
Punting (average)	Bill Van Heusen 45.1
Punt Returns (average)	Bill Thompson 12.2
Kickoff Returns (average)	Otis Armstrong 23.6
Field Goals	Jim Turner 22
Touchdowns	Floyd Little 13
Points	Jim Turner 106

RECENT TRADES

Two draft choices to Washington for rookie tight end Jon Keyworth.

Cleveland's sixth round choice, held by Denver, and Denver's ninth round choice to Pittsburgh for cornerback John Rowser.

Pete Duranko is the veteran of Denver's defensive line.

The 7-5-2 Season of 1973

SEPT. 16 Veteran runner Little scored three touchdowns to culminate drives of 80, 72, and 80 yards. *Denver 28, Cincinnati 10.*

SEPT. 23 Gossett kicked winning 39-yard field goal with 0:26 left; Broncos overcame 30-13 deficit. *San Francisco 36, Denver 34.*

SEPT. 30 Broncos turned over football five times on fumbles, twice on interceptions, as Bears romped. *Chicago 33, Denver 14.*

OCT. 7 Stenerud kicked winning field goal after Dawkins's 72-yard run had given Broncos 14-13 lead. *Kansas City 16, Denver 14.*

OCT. 14 Johnson threw four touchdown passes, three to Moses, and Little gained 123 yards rushing. *Denver 48, Houston 20.*

OCT. 22 Turner field goal with three seconds left tied Raiders in Broncos first Monday night game. *Denver 23, Oakland 23.*

OCT. 28 After compiling 30-9 first-half lead, Broncos were forced to hold off Jets in third quarter. *Denver 40, New York Jets 28.*

NOV. 4 Thompson interception set up Turner's tying field goal with one second left in wild finish. *Denver 17, St. Louis 17.*

NOV. 11 Little scored two touchdowns, and Johnson passed for two more on third-and-10 situations. *Denver 23, Pittsburgh 13.*

NOV. 18 Turner kicked three field goals as Broncos snapped Steelers home win streak at 13. *Denver 23, Pittsburgh 13.*

NOV. 25 Johnson passed to Moses twice for touchdowns, and Broncos took AFC West lead. *Denver 14, Kansas City 10.*

DEC. 2 Savage Denver defense rattled but didn't break Staubach, who passed for two touchdowns. *Dallas 22, Denver 10.*

DEC. 9 Broncos clinched first winning season ever and set up AFC West showdown with Raiders. *Denver 42, San Diego 28.*

DEC. 16 Fake punt failed on fourth down, and Raiders took 21-10 lead from which Broncos could not recover. *Oakland 21, Denver 17.*

BRONCOS RECORDS

SCORING

Most Points
Lifetime – 408, Gene Mingo
Season – 137, Gene Mingo, 1962
Game – 21, Gene Mingo vs. Los Angeles, Dec. 10, 1960

Most Touchdowns
Lifetime – 50, Lionel Taylor
Season – 13, Floyd Little 1972, 1973
Game – 3, Haven Moses vs. Houston, Oct. 14, 1973
Floyd Little vs. Cincinnati, Sept. 16, 1973
Floyd Little vs. Minnesota, Oct. 15, 1972
Bob Scarpitto vs. Buffalo, Dec. 18, 1966
Don Stone vs. San Diego, Nov. 4, 1962
Lionel Taylor vs. Buffalo, Nov. 27, 1960

Most Points After Touchdown Made
Lifetime – 120, Gene Mingo
Season – 40, Jim Turner, 1973
Game – 6, Jim Turner vs. Houston, Oct. 14, 1973
Jim Turner vs. New England, Dec. 17, 1972

Most Field Goals Made
Lifetime – 72, Gene Mingo
Season – 27, Jim Turner, 1972
Game – 5, Gene Minto vs. San Diego, Dec. 13, 1970

Longest Field Goal
53, Bobby Howfield vs. San Diego, Dec. 13, 1970

RUSHING

Most Attempts
Lifetime – 1,398, Floyd Little
Season – 284, Floyd Little, 1971
Game – 32, Cookie Gilchrist vs. Boston, Sept. 24, 1965

Most Yards Gained
Lifetime – 5,566, Floyd Little
Season – 1.133, Floyd Little, 1971
Game – 166, Floyd Little vs. Cincinnati, Oct. 19, 1969

Most Games, 100 or More Yards
Lifetime – 11, Floyd Little
Season – 4, Floyd Little, 1971

Longest Run From Scrimmage
82, Gene Mingo vs. Oakland, Oct. 5, 1962

PASSING

Most Passes Attempted
Lifetime – 1,277, Frank Tripucka
Season – 478, Frank Tripucka, 1960
Game – 56, Frank Tripucka vs. Buffalo, Sept. 15, 1962

Most Passes Completed
Lifetime – 662, Frank Tripucka
Season – 248, Frank Tripucka, 1960
Game – 34, Mickey Slaughter vs. Houston, Dec. 20, 1964

Most Yards Gained
Lifetime – 7,662, Frank Tripucka
Season – 3,038, Frank Tripucka, 1960
Game – 447, Frank Tripucka vs. Buffalo, Sept. 15, 1962

Longest Pass Completion
97, George Shaw to Jerry Tarr vs. Boston, Sept. 21, 1962

Most Touchdown Passes
Lifetime – 51, Frank Tripucka
Season – 24, Frank Tripucka, 1960
Game – 5, Frank Tripucka vs. Buffalo, Oct. 28, 1962

PASS RECEPTIONS

Most Pass Receptions
Lifetime – 543, Lionel Taylor
Season – 100, Lionel Taylor, 1961
Game – 13, Bob Anderson vs. Chicago, Sept. 30, 1973
Lionel Taylor vs. Oakland, Nov. 29, 1964

Most Yards Gained
Lifetime – 6,976, Lionel Taylor
Season – 1,235, Lionel Taylor, 1960
Game – 199, Lionel Taylor vs. Buffalo, Nov. 27, 1960

Most Touchdown Passes
Lifetime – 44, Lionel Taylor
Season – 12, Lionel Taylor, 1960
Game – 3, Haven Mosses vs. Houston, Oct. 14, 1973
Bob Scarpitto vs. Buffalo, Dec. 18, 1966
Lionel Taylor vs. Buffalo, Nov. 27, 1960

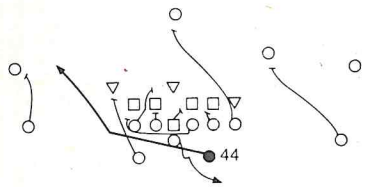
INTERCEPTIONS

Most Interceptions By
Lifetime – 43, Austin (Goose) Gonsoulin
Season – 11, Austin (Goose) Gonsoulin, 1960
Game – 4, Austin (Goose) Gonsoulin vs. Buffalo, Sept. 18, 1960
Willie Brown vs. N. Y. Jets, Nov. 15, 1964

Longest Return
70, Leroy Moore vs. Boston, Nov. 20, 1964
Nemiah Wilson vs. Kansas City, Dec. 17, 1967

HOUSTON OILERS

Fred Willis runs Oilers weakside sweep



They smile and shake their heads and say that Sid Gillman isn't a head coach. He's a masochist. He'd have to be to want to work in Houston, where the Oilers are coming off a sad, disappointing season in which they won only 1 game while losing 13.

Yet, the man has chosen to stay, to try to work it out. And those who know him aren't surprised. Sid Gillman has always enjoyed a challenge. And this may just be the biggest challenge of his noteworthy career.

This football team has more holes than Texas has oil wells. The revamped offensive line is inexperienced and injury prone. Two young quarterbacks offer much potential but few results. The defense should be getting better. It should, but it doesn't seem to be.

All of which explains that most depressing of statistics: 1-13. That was the final record a year ago.

Unfortunately, on a club desperately in need of help, Gillman can not offer many new draft choices. His top picks had all been traded away.

So Gillman will have to go with what he has, unless more trades are blowing in the Texas wind. He is planning a couple of interesting position changes, such as Greg Sampson, the ex-number one draft pick from Stanford, moving from defensive to offensive tackle. And Al Cowlings, another high choice from USC and Buffalo, switching from the defensive line to an outside linebacker.

Offensively, Gillman, who has always developed

Fred Willis was the Oilers' leading receiver and rusher.

Defensive End Elvin Bethea

Center Bill Curry

Quarterback Dan Pastorini

Wide Receiver Billy Parks

great passing attacks, has some intriguing weapons. Both Dan Pastorini and Lynn Dickey are young, strong throwers. But one of them has to take over and win the job. The new frontrunner is Dickey. Coming off a severe hip injury last year, he started four games and directed Houston to its only win of the season, over Baltimore.

For receivers, there is sure-handed Billy Parks, who has long been a Gillman favorite, and Ken Burrough, who may just be starting to play up to his ability. Eddie Hinton is the top reserve. Mack Alston, one of Houston's better acquisitions, is the tight end.

Fred Willis, the club's leading rusher and receiver, could team with almost anyone in the backfield. There's Bob Gresham, who had his moments last year, and then there's George Amundson and Bill Thomas, a couple of ex-number one draft picks who have been disappointments, and Lewis Jolley, who was hurt much of his rookie year. There's even Mel Farr, the former Lion who announced his retirement but could change his mind.

What the passers, receivers, and runners need more than anything else is some quality blocking. From the

looks of things, though, they may not get it. Sampson is being counted on as a starter at one tackle, with Tom Funchess or Elbert Drungo working the other side. A year ago, the Oilers lost four guards with injuries. The new regulars should be Brian Goodman, a free agent from UCLA, and Harris Jones, a San Diego Chargers' reject. The center is Bill Curry, who would be solid, except he's coming off extensive knee surgery involving both ligaments and cartilage. His backups, Ron Lou and Sid Smith, still another ex-number one from USC and Kansas City, also underwent knee surgery in the off-season.

Defensively, the front four has possibilities. Elvin Bethea is one of the best defensive ends in the league. Tody Smith, acquired from Dallas, played well the latter part of last season at the other end.

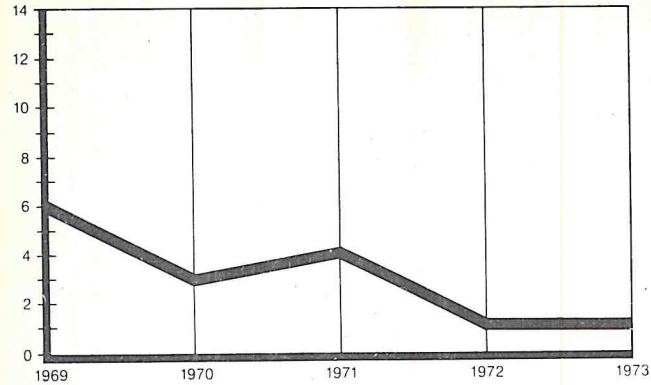
One tackle is huge John Matuszak, the NFL's number one pick in the 1973 draft. He's raw, but there is no denying his strength. The other tackle probably will be Jim Dunaway, who was picked up on waivers. Cowlings and either well-traveled Steve Kiner or Ralph Cindrich will be the outside linebackers. Gregg Bingham, who had an educational rookie season, will return in the middle.

The corners are veterans Zeke Moore and Willie Alexander. Jeff Severson, who intercepted four passes, is the strong safety. The free safety could be Joe Blahak, the little man from Nebraska who finished there as a rookie.

Skip Butler had a fair year as the Oilers' placekicker, with 15 of 24 on field goals. But Pastorini, the regular punter, was sidelined much of the time with a groin injury.

On the final Sunday of the season, the Oilers enjoyed what Gillman described as their most satisfying performance. They forced the playoff-bound Cincinnati Bengals to the limit, before losing 27-24. Earlier, Oakland had to struggle to win in the Astrodome 17-6.

Gillman felt both games indicated progress. The Oilers were still losing, but not as easily as before.



Oilers Victories Last Five Years

At last, a glimmer of light was observed, way down there at the end of the Houston tunnel.

NOTES—The feeling in Texas is that the Oilers' most urgent need is a cohesive offensive line. Last year, the same blockers were never able to start more than two consecutive games...The Oilers finished twenty-fourth in the NFL in both total offense and total defense...Willis was the AFC's leading receiver with 57 catches for only 371 yards. That's an average of 6.5 per reception. Parks and Burrough each caught 43. Gresham was one of the best kickoff returners in the league, averaging 26.8 and taking one back 103 yards for a touchdown...The Oilers didn't help themselves any with their schedule, drawing Dallas and Minnesota among their three NFC opponents...Ron Mayo, a second-year tight end, is regarded highly by the Houston coaching staff.

Stadium: **Astrodome (AstroTurf; 50,000)** Colors: **Columbia Blue, Scarlet, and White**

THE COACHING STAFF

Sid Gillman, one of pro football's most respected coaches, will begin his first full year as the man in charge on the field in Houston. Gillman, who took over in the sixth game of last season, has a pro coaching record of 117-94-7. His assistants on offense include Joe Madro, line; Andy Bourgeois, backfield; Lew Carpenter, receivers; King Hill, quarterbacks; and Joe Woolley, general offensive assistant. Bum Phillips is the defensive coordinator, with Larry Peccatiello handling the linebackers, Richie Petitbon the secondary, Sam Boghosian the special teams, and Ed Biles general defensive assistant. Bobby Gunn is the trainer and Johnny Gonzalez the equipment man.

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Nov. 10	at Buffalo	1:00
Nov. 17	CINCINNATI	1:00
Nov. 24	DALLAS	1:00
Dec. 1	at Pittsburgh	1:00
Dec. 8	at Denver	1:00
Dec. 15	CLEVELAND	1:00

1974 OILERS VETERAN ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Exp.	College	Games in 1973
19	Alexander, Willie	CB	6-3	190	25	4	Alcorn A&M	11
82	Alston, Mack	TE	6-3	235	27	5	Maryland State	14
12	Amundson, George	RB	6-3	215	23	2	Iowa State	9
48	Atkins, Bob	S	6-3	210	28	7	Grambling	5
65	Bethea, Elvin	DE	6-2	255	28	7	North Carolina A&T	14
54	Bingham, Gregg	LB	6-1	230	23	2	Purdue	14
27	Blahak, Joe	S	5-9	181	24	2	Nebraska	12
00	Burrough, Ken	WR	6-3	210	26	5	Texas Southern	14
2	Butler, Skip	K	6-0	200	27	4	Texas-Arlington	14
63	Carr, Levert	T	6-2	260	30	6	North Central State	13
29	Carwell, Larry (1)	S	6-1	181	30	8	Iowa State	0
25	Charles, John	S	6-0	200	30	8	Purdue	4
55	Cindrich, Ralph	LB	6-1	230	25	3	Pittsburgh	13
76	Cowlings, Al	DT	6-5	255	27	5	USC	14
49	Cunningham, Dick	LB	6-2	238	30	7	Arkansas	1
50	Curry, Bill	C	6-2	235	32	10	Georgia Tech	4
10	Dickey, Lynn	QB	6-3	210	25	4	Kansas State	14
75	Drungo, Elbert	T	6-4	265	31	6	Tennessee State	14
74	Dunaway, Jim (2)	DT	6-4	277	33	12	Mississippi	0
26	Eaglin, Larry	S	6-3	193	26	2	Stephen F. Austin	11
67	Fanucci, Mike	DE	6-4	239	25	3	Arizona State	13
24	Farr, Mel (3)	RB	6-2	210	30	8	UCLA	11
69	Freelon, Solomon	G	6-2	249	23	3	Grambling	11
66	Funchess, Tom	T	6-5	270	30	7	Jackson State	14
68	Goodman, Brian	G	6-2	250	25	2	UCLA	3
36	Gresham, Bob	RB	5-11	195	26	4	West Virginia	13
57	Gruneisen, Sam	C	6-1	242	33	13	Villanova	9
58	Guidry, Paul	LB	6-3	227	30	9	McNeese State	14
14	Hargett, Edd	QB	5-11	196	27	6	Texas A&M	5
23	Haymond, Alvin	CB	5-11	192	32	11	Southern	6
87	Hinton, Eddie	WR	6-0	200	27	6	Oklahoma	11
52	Hunt, Calvin	C	6-3	245	27	4	Baylor	4
72	Hunt, Kevin	T	6-5	260	26	3	Doane, Neb.	4
60	Jenkins, Al	G	6-2	245	28	5	Tulsa	13
15	Johnson, Al	RB	6-0	200	24	3	Cincinnati	5
33	Johnson, Benny	CB	5-10	177	26	5	Johnson C. Smith	13
40	Jolley, Lewis	RB	6-0	208	25	3	North Carolina	10
61	Jones, Harris	G	6-4	245	29	3	Johnson C. Smith	5
59	Kiner, Steve (4)	LB	6-1	220	27	4	Tennessee	14
51	Lou, Ron	C	6-2	235	23	2	Arizona State	9
78	Matuszak, John	DT	6-8	290	24	2	Tampa	14
80	Mayo, Ron	TE	6-3	223	24	2	Morgan State	13
62	Miller, Ralph	G	6-3	260	26	3	California Lutheran	1
22	Moore, Zeke	CB	6-3	196	31	8	Lincoln	13
20	Parks, Billy	WR	6-1	190	26	4	Cal State-Long Beach	14
7	Pastorini, Dan	QB	6-2	205	25	4	Santa Clara	14
56	Roberts, Guy	LB	6-1	217	24	3	Maryland	14
18	Robinson, Paul	RB	6-0	195	30	7	Arizona	11
34	Rodgers, Willie (5)	RB	6-1	210	25	3	Kentucky State	0
73	Sampson, Greg	DT	6-6	260	24	3	Stanford	13
64	Saul, Ron	G	6-2	255	26	5	Michigan State	3
37	Severson, Jeff	S	6-0	185	25	3	Cal State-Long Beach	14
77	Smith, Sid (6)	C-T	6-4	260	26	5	USC	0
70	Smith, Tody	DE	6-5	245	26	4	USC	14
28	Thomas, Bill	RB	6-2	225	25	3	Boston College	6
44	Willis, Fred	RB	6-0	205	27	4	Boston College	14

(1) Last active with New England in 1972.
(2) Last active with Miami in 1972.
(3) Played 11 games with Detroit in 1973.
(4) Played 14 games with New England in 1973.
(5) Missed entire 1973 season because of injury.
(6) Missed entire 1973 season because of injury.

TOP DRAFT CHOICES

Round	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Exp.	College
7	Fairley, Leonard	DB	5-11	192	23	R	Alcorn A&M
8	McCoy, Mike	DB	5-11	175	22	R	Western Kentucky
11	Taylor, Steve	C	6-4	224	23	R	Western Kentucky
12	Browne, Ricky	LB	6-2	232	22	R	Florida
15	Johnson, Billy	WR	5-8	170	23	R	Widener College

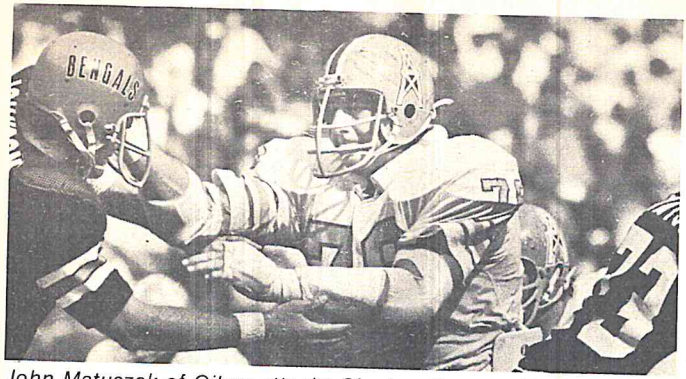
1973 LEADERS

Rushing (yards)	Fred Willis	579
Passing (percentage)	Dan Pastorini	53.1
Passing (yards)	Dan Pastorini	1,482
Passing (touchdowns)	Lynn Dickey	6
Receiving (number)	Fred Willis	57
Receiving (yards)	Billy Parks	581
Interceptions (number)	Guy Roberts and Jeff Severson	4
Punting (average)	Skip Butler	37.3
Punt Returns (average)	Jeff Severson	7.9
Kickoff Returns (average)	Bob Gresham	26.8
Field Goals	Skip Butler	15
Touchdowns	Fred Willis	5
Points	Skip Butler	66

RECENT TRADES

A draft choice to Detroit for running back Mel Farr.

A ninth round draft choice to New England for linebacker Steve Kiner.



John Matuszak of Oilers attacks Cincinnati center Bob Johnson.

The 1-13-0 Season of 1973

SEPT. 16 Giants intercepted four Pastorini passes and Johnson ran for two touchdowns. *New York Giants 34, Houston 14.*

SEPT. 23 Essex Johnson's running and receiving offset Gresham's 103-yard opening kickoff return. *Cincinnati 24, Houston 10.*

SEPT. 30 Oilers held 7-6 lead, but Russell and Edwards returned interceptions for touchdowns. *Pittsburgh 36, Houston 7.*

OCT. 7 Hadl threw three touchdown passes; Rams built 31-12 lead before Oilers threatened late. *Los Angeles 31, Houston 26.*

OCT. 14 Johnson touchdown pass barrage, plus Little's runs, cost Peterson coaching job in rout. *Denver 48, Houston 20.*

OCT. 21 In first game under Gillman as coach, Oilers could not stop Phipps's touchdown runs, passes. *Cleveland 42, Houston 13.*

OCT. 28 Butkus recovered Pastorini fumble in Oilers end zone for first touchdown in nine-year career. *Chicago 35, Houston 14.*

NOV. 4 Willis caught winning touchdown pass with 32 seconds left; Oilers snapped 18-game loss streak. *Houston 31, Baltimore 27.*

NOV. 11 Browns raced to 17 first-quarter points before Oilers regrouped in second, third quarters. *Cleveland 23, Houston 13.*

NOV. 18 Livingston passed for two touchdowns, ran for third, in Chiefs biggest game point total. *Kansas City 38, Houston 14.*

NOV. 25 Only 27,344, smallest Astrodome crowd ever to watch Oilers, saw Patriots score shutout. *New England 32, Houston 0.*

DEC. 2 Stabler-to-Biletnikoff touchdown pass and Villapiano fumble recovery stirred lethargic Raiders. *Oakland 17, Houston 6.*

DEC. 9 Oilers crossed midfield only twice—both times in first half—and gained only five first downs. *Pittsburgh 33, Houston 7.*

DEC. 16 Oilers scared AFC Central champion Bengals, but finished with second straight 1-13 record. *Cincinnati 27, Houston 24.*

OILERS RECORDS

SCORING

Most Points
- Lifetime – 596, George Blanda
- Season – 115, George Blanda, 1960
- Game – 30, Billy Cannon vs. N. Y. Titans, Dec. 10, 1961

Most Touchdowns
- Lifetime – 51, Charley Hennigan
- Season – 18, Bill Groman, 1961
- Game – 5, Billy Cannon vs. N. Y. Titans, Dec. 10, 1961

Most Points After Touchdown Made
- Lifetime – 304, George Blanda
- Season – 65, George Blanda, 1961
- Game – 7, George Blanda vs. Denver, Nov. 5, 1961

Most Field Goals Made
- Lifetime – 91, George Blanda
- Season – 19, Roy Gerela, 1970
- Game – 5, Roy Gerela vs. Miami, Sept. 28, 1969

Longest Field Goal
- 55, George Blanda vs. San Diego, Dec. 3, 1961

RUSHING

Most Attempts
- Lifetime – 907, Charley Tolar
- Season – 244, Charley Tolar, 1962
- Game – 29, Charley Tolar vs. N. Y. Titans, Dec. 15, 1962

Most Yards Gained
- Lifetime – 3,339, Hoyle Granger
- Season – 1,194, Hoyle Granger, 1967
- Game – 216, Billy Cannon vs. N. Y. Titans, Dec. 10, 1961

Most Games, 100 or More Yards
- Lifetime – 12, Hoyle Granger
- Season – 7, Hoyle Granger, 1967

Longest Run From Scrimmage
- 91, Sid Blanks vs. N. Y. Jets, Dec. 13, 1964

PASSING

Most Passes Attempted
- Lifetime – 2,784, George Blanda
- Season – 505, George Blanda, 1964
- Game – 68, George Blanda vs. Buffalo, Nov. 1, 1964

Most Passes Completed
- Lifetime – 1,347, George Blanda
- Season – 262, George Blanda, 1964
- Game – 37, George Blanda vs. Buffalo, Nov. 1, 1964

Most Yards Gained
- Lifetime – 19,149, George Blands
- Season – 3,330, George Blanda, 1961
- Game – 464, George Blanda vs. Buffalo, Oct. 29, 1961

Longest Pass Completion
- 98, Jacky Lee to Willard Dewveall vs. San Diego, Nov. 25, 1962

Most Touchdown Passes
- Lifetime – 189, George Blanda
- Season – 36, George Blanda, 1961
- Game – 7, George Blanda vs. N. Y. Titans, Nov. 19, 1961

PASS RECEPTIONS

Most Pass Receptions
- Lifetime – 410, Charley Hennigan
- Season – 101, Charley Hennigan, 1964
- Game – 13, Charley Hennigan vs. Boston, Oct. 13, 1961

Most Yards Gained
- Lifetime – 6,823, Charley Hennigan
- Season – 1,746, Charley Hennigan, 1961
- Game – 272, Charley Hennigan vs. Boston, Oct. 13, 1961

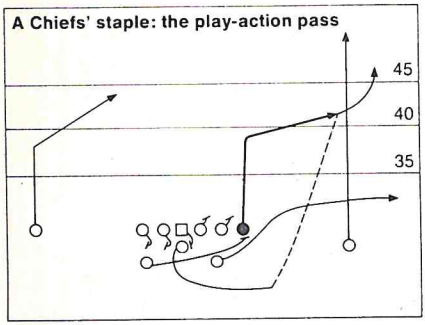
Most Touchdown Passes
- Lifetime – 51, Charley Hennigan
- Season – 17, Bill Groman, 1961
- Game – 3, Bill Groman vs. N. Y. Titans, Oct. 23, 1960
  - Billy Cannon vs. N. Y. Titans, Nov. 19, 1961
  - Bill Groman vs. N. Y. Titans, Nov. 19, 1961
  - Charley Hennigan vs. San Diego, Dec. 5, 1961
  - Charley Hennigan vs. Buffalo, Sept. 28, 1963
  - Willie Frazier vs. N. Y. Jets, Sept. 12, 1965
  - Charles Frazier vs. Denver, Sept. 3, 1966
  - Charles Frazier vs. Denver, Oct. 2, 1966

INTERCEPTIONS

Most Interceptions By
- Lifetime – 45, Jim Norton
- Season – 12, Fred Glick, 1963
- Game – 3, Jim Norton vs. Denver, Dec. 2, 1962
  - W. K. Hicks vs. Buffalo, Oct. 31, 1965
  - Miller Farr vs. N. Y. Jets, Oct. 15, 1967
  - Ken Houston vs. Pittsburgh, Oct. 24, 1971
  - Willie Alexander vs. Oakland, Nov. 14, 1971

Longest Return
- 98, Pete Jaquess vs. Oakland, Sept. 19, 1964

KANSAS CITY CHIEFS



The Kansas City defense is a lot like the Kansas City steak. It is still widely respected throughout the country. It's the Kansas City offense that has fallen on tough times.

Hank Stram and the Chiefs are hopeful that a pair of young, frisky legs and an old, but trusted right arm can repair the damage.

The legs belong to Woody Green, the number one draft choice from Arizona State with that O. J. Simpson look about him. The arm is Len Dawson's and will appear in this, its eighteenth and probably final season, in one last attempt to pass Kansas City back into the Super Bowl.

It seems like only a season or two ago when they were calling the Chiefs' new-look attack the "Offense of the Seventies." Well, somewhere along the line that streamlined, futuristic design disappeared. Kansas City has become stodgy, emphasizing big, slow backs and accurate, but short, passes. Even wide receiver Otis Taylor, who used to make more big plays than practically anyone, couldn't be of much assistance last year.

That's why Stram was delighted to find Green still available when Kansas City's turn came up on the first round of the draft. A 205-pounder with the power to go inside and the speed to go outside, he's the kind of breakaway back the Chiefs have lacked. He's a runner who can keep opposing defenses honest and

Kansas City defense begins with middle linebacker Willie Lanier.

Linebacker Jim Lynch

Tight End Gary Butler

Quarterback Len Dawson

Cornerback Emmitt Thomas

open things up for Dawson, Taylor, and Co.

Dawson, the 39-year-old quarterback with the movie star looks, remains a pivotal figure on this team, and that doesn't say much for the Chiefs' attempts to find a capable replacement for him. A severe shoulder injury knocked him out of the final eight games a year ago and separated the club from any hopes of an AFC Western Division title.

Mike Livingston, the perennial heir apparent, is still around, along with old Pete Beathard and young Dean Carlson. David Jaynes, the All-America from nearby Kansas, could be the Chiefs' quarterback of the future.

Green may be half of a whole new Kansas City backfield if Jeff Kinney can successfully make the switch to fullback, as Stram hopes. Ed Podolak, one of the best all-purpose backs in the league, is still around, too, along with Willie Ellison, who managed to dodge tacklers, but not injuries, last year.

Taylor, of course, continues to be the primary receiver. On the other side, though, Elmo Wright, the incumbent, could be seriously challenged by either Dave Smith or Robert West. The tight end is Gary Butler, who proved to be a blocker with potential in his

rookie year at that position for Kansas City.

Elsewhere up front, Stram is beginning to sift some fresh, young faces into the picture. George Daney took over as the starter at one guard, complementing Ed Budde, who had a solid year on the other side. At tackle, Mo Moorman moves in from guard to claim one spot, with rookies such as number two pick Charlie Getty from Penn State getting a long look. The returning tackles are 32-year-old Dave Hill and 34-year-old Jim Tyrer. Center is no problem. Jack Rudnay has become the Chiefs' most consistent blocker and an authentic all-pro candidate.

Defensively, things are much more stable. The Chiefs, who finished twentieth in the NFL in offense, wound up seventh among 26 teams on defense.

The foundation is still those three excellent linebackers. Willie Lanier is an all-pro in the middle, Jim Lynch is outstanding on one side, and Bobby Bell remains menacing, even if age is beginning to creep up a little on him.

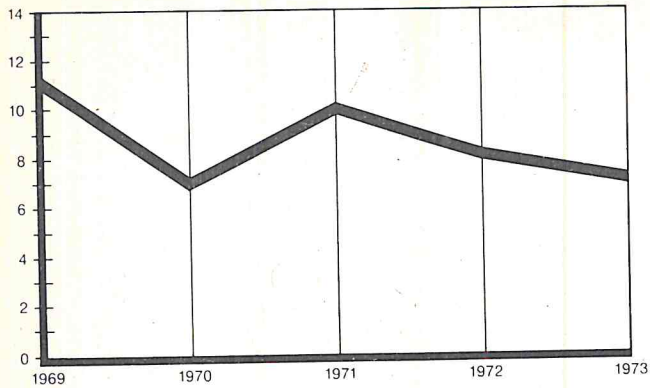
Up front, Curley Culp is a Pro Bowl tackle and Wilbur Young had his best year at end. Marv Upshaw is erratic at the other end, and, come to think of it, so is Buck Buchanan at tackle. But then, it always helps to have a solid swingman such as George Seals available.

Emmitt Thomas is a quality cornerback and his sidekick, Nate Allen, must be good to keep Jim Marsalis on the bench. The safeties are steady Jim Kearney and gifted Mike Sensibaugh.

The kicking game? Well, everybody knows that's a Kansas City strength. Year in and year out, Jerrel Wilson is the best punter in football. And although Jan Stenerud hasn't been spectacular for the past two seasons, he's still among the top two or three placekickers in the game.

Overall, this is still a dangerous team, a team that can beat anyone. And a team that, given a good rookie year from Green and a solid, sentimental season from Dawson, could sneak back into playoff contention.

NOTES—The Chiefs' chances are not improved by the 1974 schedule. Among others, they must play both



Chiefs Victories Last Five Years

Super Bowl teams, Miami and Minnesota, along with Pittsburgh and Cincinnati...With Green added to Podolak and Larry Marshall, Stram figures his kick runners could be the best in the AFC...A name to remember is Jim Washington, a 6-foot 1-inch, 195-pound sixth-round draft pick from Clemson with the kind of speed that could make him a factor...Stenerud not only finished with less than 100 points for one of the few times in recent years, he had six kicks blocked ...Depth could be a problem with the front four, where only the veteran Pat Holmes has any experience. At linebacker, Clyde Werner is considered among the team's most capable reserves...Key statistic: Among 13 AFC teams, only two averaged less yards per pass completion than the Chiefs in 1973...Although rookie Gary Butler beat him out, 6-foot 10-inch Morris Stroud enjoyed what his coaches said was his best year at tight end...Getty, the number two pick, is a 6-foot 4-inch, 260-pounder who helped gouge out the holes for Heisman trophy winner John Cappelletti at Penn State.

Stadium: **Arrowhead (Tartan Turf; 78,000)** Colors: **Red and Gold**

THE COACHING STAFF

Hank Stram has been in on Kansas City football from the beginning. The only coach the team has ever had, his overall record is 119 wins, 67 losses, and 10 ties. He's 5-3 in postseason competition, including two appearances in the Super Bowl, winning Super Bowl IV. The Chiefs' offensive coaches are Bill Walsh, line; Pete Brewster, ends; and John Beake, backfield. The defensive coaches are Tom Bettis, backs; Tom Pratt, line; and Walt Corey, linebackers. Tommy O'Boyle serves as assistant coach and talent scout. The trainer is Wayne Rudy and the equipment manager is Bobby Yarborough.

1974 SCHEDULE

PRESEASON

Aug. 5	DETROIT	8:00
Aug. 12	BUFFALO	8:00
Aug. 17	at Los Angeles	7:00
Aug. 24	SAN FRANCISCO	8:00
Aug. 31	at Dallas	8:00
Sept. 6	ST. LOUIS	8:00

REGULAR SEASON

Sept. 15	NEW YORK JETS W	3:00
Sept. 22	at Oakland L	1:00
Sept. 29	at Houston	1:00
Oct. 6	DENVER	3:00
Oct. 13	PITTSBURGH	1:00
Oct. 20	at Miami	4:00
Oct. 27	at San Diego	1:00
Nov. 3	NEW YORK GIANTS	3:00
Nov. 10	SAN DIEGO	1:00
Nov. 18	at Denver (Monday)	7:00
Nov. 24	at Cincinnati	1:00
Dec. 1	at St. Louis	1:00
Dec. 8	OAKLAND	3:00
Dec. 14	MINNESOTA (Saturday)	2:45

1974 CHIEFS VETERAN ROSTER

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48	Allen, Nate	CB	5-10	170	26	4	Texas Southern	14
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78	Bell, Bobby	LB	6-4	228	34	12	Minnesota	14
86	Buchanan, Buck	DT	6-7	270	34	12	Grambling	14
71	Budde, Ed	G	6-5	265	34	12	Michigan State	12
82	Butler, Gary	TE	6-3	235	23	2	Rice	14
	Butler, James (1)	RB	5-10	200	31	9	Edward Waters	0
	Calloway, Ernie (2)	DT-DE	6-6	250	26	5	Texas Southern	0
9	Carlson, Dean (3)	QB	6-3	210	24	3	Iowa State	0
61	Culp, Curley	DT	6-1	265	28	7	Arizona State	13
60	Daney, George	G	6-4	240	28	7	Texas-El Paso	13
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27	Kratzer, Dan	WR	6-3	194	25	2	Missouri Valley	1
63	Lanier, Willie	LB	6-1	245	29	8	Morgan State	14
10	Livingston, Mike	QB	6-4	212	29	7	Southern Methodist	8
87	Lohmeyer, John	DE	6-4	229	23	2	Emporia State	7
51	Lynch, Jim	LB	6-1	235	29	8	Notre Dame	14
40	Marsalis, Jim	CB	5-11	194	29	6	Tennessee State	10
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67	Seals, George	DT	6-3	260	32	11	Missouri	13
20	Sensibaugh, Mike	S	5-11	192	25	4	Ohio State	14
85	Smith, Dave	WR	6-3	210	27	5	Indiana, Pa.	3
3	Stenerud, Jan	K	6-2	187	32	8	Montana State	14
88	Stroud, Morris	TE	6-10	255	28	6	Clark College	14
89	Taylor, Otis	WR	6-3	215	32	10	Prairie View A&M	14
18	Thomas, Emmitt	CB	6-2	192	31	9	Bishop	14
77	Tyrer, Jim	T	6-6	280	35	12	Ohio State	12
81	Upshaw, Marvin	DE	6-4	260	28	7	Trinity	14
72	Walton, Wayne	G-T	6-5	255	26	3	Abilene Christian	14
54	Werner, Clyde	LB	6-4	225	27	5	Washington	14
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44	Wilson, Jerrel	P	6-2	222	33	12	Southern Mississippi	14
17	Wright, Elmo	WR	6-0	190	25	4	Houston	11
99	Young, Wilbur	DE	6-6	285	25	4	William Penn	13

(1) Missed entire 1973 season because of injury.
(2) Physically unable to perform in 1973.
(3) On active roster but did not play in 1973.

TOP DRAFT CHOICES

Round	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Exp.	College
1	Green, Woody	RB	6-1	200	23	R	Arizona State
2	Getty, Charley	T	6-4	260	22	R	Penn State
3	Jaynes, David	QB	6-2	212	21	R	Kansas
6	Washington, Jim	RB	6-2	208	22	R	Clemson
7	Hegge, Leroy	DE	6-6	250	22	R	Southern State, S.D.

1973 LEADERS

Rushing (yards)	Ed Podolak 721
Passing (percentage)	Mike Livingston 51.7
Passing (yards)	Mike Livingston 916
Passing (touchdowns)	Mike Livingston 6
Receiving (number)	Ed Podolak 55
Receiving (yards)	Otis Taylor 565
Interceptions (number)	Jim Kearney, Willie Lanier, Mike Sensibaugh, and Emmitt Thomas 3
Punting (average)	Jerrel Wilson 45.5
Punt Returns (average)	Larry Marshall 6.2
Kickoff Returns (average)	Larry Marshall 27.9
Field Goals	Jan Stenerud 24
Touchdowns	Otis Taylor 4
Points	Jan Stenerud 93

RECENT TRADES

None

An Ed Podolak season: 721 yards rushing, 55 pass receptions.

The 7-5-2 Season of 1973

SEPT. 16 Rams built 23-0 lead before Beathard directed KC to two fourth-quarter touchdowns. *Los Angeles 23, Kansas City 13.*

SEPT. 23 Stout defense thwarted Patriots; Taylor receptions set up touchdown and field goal. *Kansas City 10, New England 7.*

SEPT. 30 Defense held Raiders to field goal; Lanier intercepted Stabler pass for 17-yard touchdown. *Kansas City 16, Oakland 3.*

OCT. 7 Stenerud kicked winning field goal after Dawkins's 72-yard run gave Broncos 14-13 lead. *Kansas City 16, Denver 14.*

OCT. 14 Outgained Chiefs and ragged Packers struggled repeatedly in contest of misfiring offenses. *Kansas City 10, Green Bay 10.*

OCT. 21 Bengals double reverse, Anderson-to-Trumpy touchdown pass caught Chiefs by surprise. *Cincinnati 14, Kansas City 6.*

OCT. 29 Simpson set NFL record for most carries in game, 39; KC errors set up Bills touchdowns. *Buffalo 23, Kansas City 14.*

NOV. 4 Livingston's 39-yard touchdown pass to Stroud helped Chiefs shut out disorganized Chargers. *Kansas City 19, San Diego 0.*

NOV. 12 Stenerud kicked four field goals, Taylor caught 24-yard touchdown pass from Livingston. *Kansas City 19, Chicago 7.*

NOV. 18 In Chiefs biggest offensive display, Livingston passed for two touchdowns, scored another. *Kansas City 38, Houston 14.*

NOV. 25 Two Johnson-to-Moses touchdown passes within 81 seconds of second quarter lifted Broncos. *Denver 14, Kansas City 10.*

DEC. 2 Chiefs built 20-6 lead, then saw Browns score two touchdowns in final six minutes to tie. *Kansas City 20, Cleveland 20.*

DEC. 8 Raiders dominated line play both ways, built 23-0 lead, and knocked Chiefs out of playoff race. *Oakland 37, Kansas City 7.*

DEC. 16 Chiefs closed year on winning note, though 35,793 ticket-holding fans stayed home for finale. *Kansas City 33, San Diego 6.*

CHIEFS RECORDS

SCORING

Most Points
- Lifetime – 770, Jan Stenerud
- Season – 129, Jan Stenerud, 1968
- Game – 30, Abner Haynes vs. Oakland, Nov. 26, 1961

Most Touchdowns
- Lifetime – 58, Abner Haynes
- Season – 19, Abner Haynes, 1962
- Game – 5, Abner Haynes vs. Oakland, Nov. 26, 1961

Most Points After Touchdown Made
- Lifetime – 233, Jan Stenerud
- Season – 46, Tom Brooker, 1964
- Game – 8, Tom Brooker vs. Denver, Sept. 7, 1963
  Mike Mercer vs. Denver, Oct. 23, 1966

Most Field Goals Made
- Lifetime – 179, Jan Stenerud
- Season – 30, Jan Stenerud, 1968
- Game – 5, Jan Stenerud vs. Buffalo, Nov. 2, 1969
  Jan Stenerud vs. Buffalo, Dec. 7, 1969

Longest Field Goal
- 55, Jan Stenerud vs. Denver, Oct. 4, 1970

RUSHING

Most Attempts
- Lifetime – 780, Abner Haynes
- Season – 236, Mike Garrett, 1967
- Game – 28, Ed Podolak vs. Chicago, Nov. 12, 1973

Most Yards Gained
- Lifetime – 3,837, Abner Haynes
- Season – 1,087, Mike Garrett, 1967
- Game – 192, Mike Garrett vs. N. Y. Jets, Nov. 5, 1967

Most Games, 100 or More Yards
- Lifetime – 7, Mike Garrett
- Season – 4, Mike Garrett, 1967

Longest Run From Scrimmage
- 80, Abner Haynes vs. New York, touchdown, Nov. 29, 1964

PASSING

Most Passes Attempted
- Lifetime – 3,321 Len Dawson
- Season – 379, Cotton Davidson, 1961
- Game – 46, Len Dawson vs. Buffalo, Oct. 13, 1963

Most Passes Completed
- Lifetime – 1,884, Len Dawson
- Season – 206, Len Dawson, 1967
- Game – 25, Len Dawson vs. Buffalo, Sept. 22, 1963

Most Yards Gaind
- Lifetime – 25,996, Len Dawson
- Season – 2,879, Len Dawson, 1964
- Game – 435, Len Dawson vs. Denver, Nov. 1, 1964

Longest Pass Completion
- 93, Mike Livingston to Otis Taylor vs. Miami for 79, lateral to Robert Holmes for 14, touchdown, Oct. 19, 1969

Most Touchdown Passes
- Lifetime – 225, Len Dawson
- Season – 30, Len Dawson, 1964
- Game – 6, Len Dawson vs. Denver, Nov. 1, 1964

PASS RECEPTIONS

Most Pass Receptions
- Lifetime – 391, Chris Burford
- Season – 68, Chris Burford, 1962
- Game – 12, Ed Podolak vs. Denver, Oct. 7, 1973

Most Yards Gained
- Lifetime – 5,505, Chris Burford
- Season – 1,297, Otis Taylor, 1966
- Game – 213, Curtis McClinton vs. Denver, Dec. 19, 1965

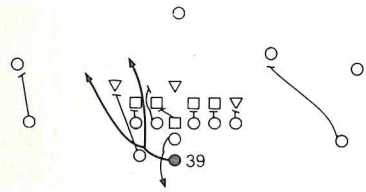
Most Touchdown Passes
- Lifetime – 55, Chris Burford
- Season – 12, Chris Burford, 1962
- Game – 4, Frank Jackson vs. San Diego, Dec. 13, 1964

INTERCEPTIONS

Most Interceptions By
- Lifetime – 57, Johnny Robinson
- Season – 10, Johnny Robinson, 1966 and 1970
  Bobby Hunt, 1966
- Game – 4, Bobby Ply vs. San Diego, Dec. 16, 1962
  Bobby Hunt vs. Houston, Oct. 4, 1964

Longest Return
- 99, Dave Grayson vs. New York, touchdown, Dec. 17, 1961

Dolphins' "18 Straight" for Larry Csonka



Some called it dull and lifeless and boring. But to the purists, to the men who study the way the game should be played, it was beautiful. It was, perhaps, the closest thing to perfection yet exhibited on a professional football field.

It was the world champions from Miami doing their number on Minnesota. Only this was not just another game. This was the Super Bowl, all the pressure, the publicity, the buildup culminating in that one awesome performance.

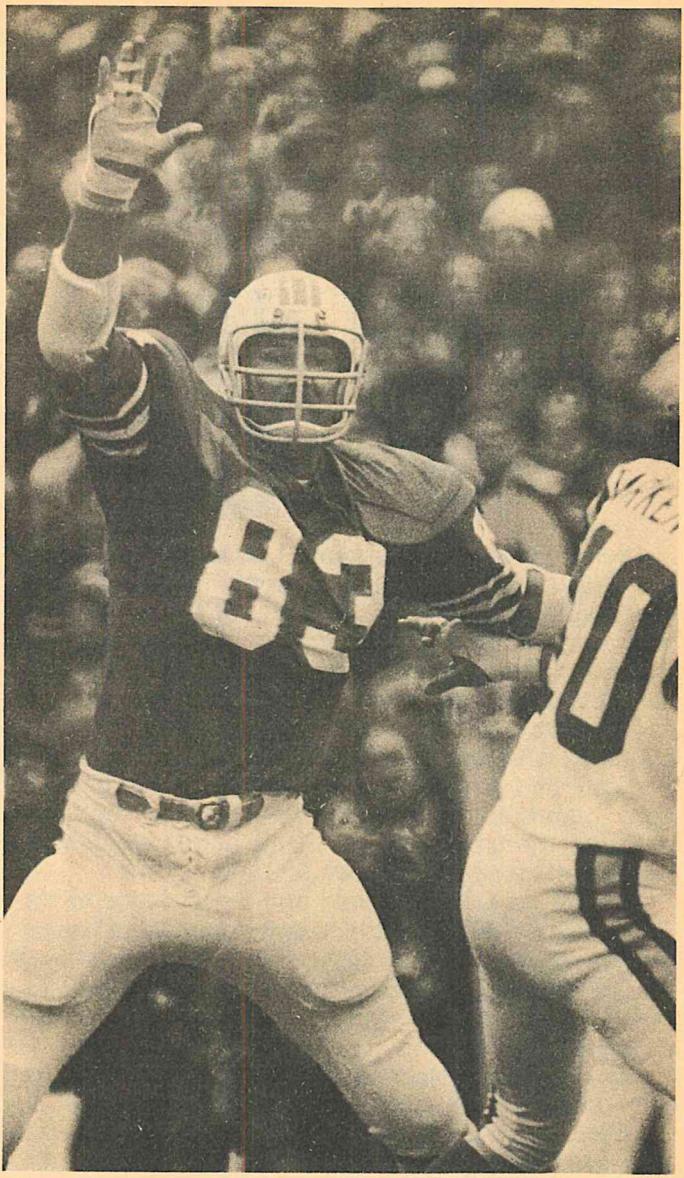
Don Shula and the Dolphins finished their season on a different plateau from the rest of the National Football League. They've appeared in three consecutive Super Bowls now and they've won the last two.

Their superiority, as the 1974 season prepares to start, is unquestioned.

But can they keep it going? Will all that success and money make a difference? Will the hunger still be there? Can Shula and this team eventually surpass the legendary Vince Lombardi and those magnificent Green Bay Packers teams?

The answers are waiting as another chapter in the Dolphins' dynasty begins to unravel.

The cast hasn't changed much. The names are almost routinely familiar by now. What is impressive is the way Shula carefully builds and drafts and stays alert for any possible weakness. So far, he hasn't noticed any. Neither has anyone else.



Vern Den Herder blots out pass lane of Minnesota's Fran Tarkenton.

Running Back Mercury Morris

Safety Jake Scott

Center Jim Langer

Guard Larry Little

The offense revolves around Larry Csonka, the premier power runner. More than anything else, Csonka's inexorable thrusts set up the rest of Miami's impressive arsenal: Mercury Morris's outside sprints, Paul Warfield's deep patterns, Marlin Briscoe's first-down catches. Of course, quarterback Bob Griese has a lot to do with it, too. So does an offensive line considered by many to be the best in football. Center Jim Langer and guards Larry Little and Bob Kuechenberg can be conveniently lumped together now. All are legitimate all-pros. The tackles, Norm Evans and Wayne Moore, don't get recognition. They just get results.

At wide receiver, Warfield and Briscoe are backed up by Ron Sellers, Bo Rather, and dependable Howard Twilley. The new regular tight end is Jim Mandich, with Marv Fleming, who has played in more Super Bowls than anyone else in the sport, coming out of the bullpen.

Jim Kiick, Don Nottingham, and number two draft pick Ben Malone from Arizona State figure as the reserve runners, while old folks Earl Morrall is likely to return as Griese's relief pitcher, with sophomore Don Strock also available.

The defense hasn't changed much, either. Nick Buoniconti, now 33 and coming off minor elbow surgery, might not be as durable as he once was. But Bruce Bannon, picked up on waivers from the Jets, started one game at middle linebacker last year and was voted the NFL's defensive player of the week by one wire service.

Up front, all-pro Bill Stanfill works with Vern Den Herder at ends. Bob Heinz and Manny Fernandez are the tackles. Fernandez is the kind of guy who only makes big plays, not all-star teams.

The outside linebackers are Doug Swift and Mike Kolen, with Bob Matheson and the "53 Defense" appearing on a regular basis. The corners are Tim Foley and Curtis Johnson, although Lloyd Mumphord somehow always winds up playing a lot. Henry Stuckey is around, too, along with number two draft choice Jeris White, from Hawaii.

The safeties, Dick Anderson and Jake Scott, are a remarkable duo.

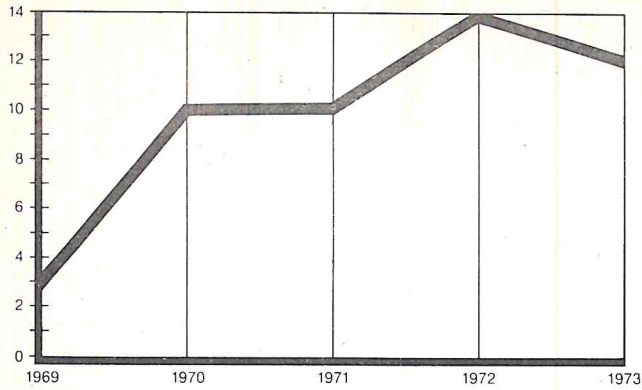
The kicking game is just as solid as everything else. Larry Seiple punts and Garo Yepremian placekicks. Both are excellent.

There has been some concern expressed over the departure of Bill Arnsparger, the defensive coach who left to coach the New York Giants. But Shula has replaced him with Vince Costello, who arrives from the same, respected Paul Brown school of coaching as Shula himself.

So the Dolphins, having already reached the summit, having won 32 of 34 games over the past two years, having gained the respect of everyone in the game, now "try" to perpetuate their image.

It's no longer a question of who's number one in the NFL, only a matter of how long this team can stay that way.

NOTES—Shula's Miami record is 46-9-1. Overall, as a professional coach, he is 117-32-5 and 11-5 in postseason competition... He now ranks eighth on the all-time victory list... As if the Dolphins needed it, they get another decent break in the schedule. Their out-



Dolphins Victories Last Five Years

of-division opponents are New Orleans, San Diego, Kansas City, Atlanta, Cincinnati, and Washington. The only division champion in that group is Cincinnati... Miami's number one pick in the draft was Don Reese, 6-foot 6-inch, 256 pounds from Jackson State. He's a defensive end who will spend his rookie year backing up Den Herder... Another number two choice, one of three the Dolphins had in the draft, is Andre Tillman, a tight end from Texas Tech who underwent knee surgery in the off-season... The sleeper might be Nat Moore, a slippery little runner from Florida who will return kicks and play wide receiver. He was a number three selection... The Dolphins, emphasizing their overpowering running game, finished third in the NFL in rushing and only twenty-first in passing... Defensively, they were twelfth against the run and first against the pass... Charles Babb, still another proven Miami veteran, is the number one backup for Scott and Anderson at safety.

Stadium: **Orange Bowl (Poly-Turf; 80,047)** Colors: **Aqua and Orange**

THE COACHING STAFF

It's only fitting that Don Shula, the National Football League's most successful coach, should lead the winningest team. Shula now has been in four consecutive playoffs with Miami, made it to three consecutive Super Bowls, and coached the winner in Super Bowls VII and VIII. Overall, his pro coaching record is 117-32-5. His coaching assistants on the world champion Dolphins include Vince Costello, Tom Keane, and Mike Scarry on defense. Bill McPeak is the offensive coach, Monte Clark handles the line, and Carl Taseff is in charge of the backfield. The trainer is Bob Lundy and the equipment manager is Dan Dowe.

1974 SCHEDULE

PRESEASON

July 26	vs. College All-Stars at Chicago	8:30
Aug. 3	at Cincinnati	8:00
Aug. 10	NEW ORLEANS	8:00
Aug. 19	MINNESOTA	9:00
Aug. 24	at Los Angeles	6:00
Aug. 31	GREEN BAY	8:00
Sept. 7	at Chicago	8:00

REGULAR SEASON

Sept. 15	at New England	1:00
Sept. 22	at Buffalo	1:00
Sept. 29	at San Diego	1:00
Oct. 7	NEW YORK JETS (Monday)	9:00
Oct. 13	at Washington	1:00
Oct. 20	KANSAS CITY	4:00
Oct. 27	BALTIMORE	1:00
Nov. 3	ATLANTA	4:00
Nov. 10	at New Orleans	1:00
Nov. 17	BUFFALO	1:00
Nov. 24	at New York Jets	1:00
Dec. 2	CINCINNATI (Monday)	9:00
Dec. 8	at Baltimore	2:00
Dec. 15	NEW ENGLAND	1:00

1974 DOLPHINS VETERAN ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Exp.	College	Games in 1973
40	Anderson, Dick	S	6-2	196	28	7	Colorado	14
49	Babb, Charles	S	6-0	190	24	3	Memphis State	14
51	Ball, Larry	LB	6-6	235	25	3	Louisville	14
58	Bannon, Bruce	LB	6-3	225	23	2	Penn State	14
86	Briscoe, Marlin	WR	5-11	175	28	7	Omaha	14
85	Buoniconti, Nick	LB	5-11	220	33	13	Notre Dame	13
77	Crusan, Doug	T	6-4	250	28	7	Indiana	14
39	Csonka, Larry	RB	6-2	237	27	7	Syracuse	14
83	Den Herder, Vern	DE	6-6	252	25	4	Central, Iowa	14
73	Evans, Norm	T	6-5	250	31	10	Texas Christian	14
75	Fernandez, Manny	DT	6-2	250	28	7	Utah	13
80	Fleming, Marv	TE	6-4	230	32	12	Utah	11
25	Foley, Tim	CB	6-0	194	25	5	Purdue	11
55	Goode, Irv	C-G	6-5	262	33	12	Kentucky	14
12	Griese, Bob	QB	6-1	190	29	8	Purdue	13
72	Heinz, Bob	DT-DE	6-6	265	27	6	Pacific	14
28	Jenkins, Ed (1)	RB	6-2	210	24	2	Holy Cross	0
45	Johnson, Curtis	CB	6-1	196	26	5	Toledo	14
21	Kiick, Jim	RB	5-11	214	28	7	Wyoming	14
54	Kindig, Howard (2)	C	6-6	252	33	9	Cal State-Los Angeles	0
57	Kolen, Mike	LB	6-2	222	26	5	Auburn	14
67	Kuechenberg, Bob	G	6-2	252	26	5	Notre Dame	13
62	Langer, Jim	C	6-2	253	26	5	South Dakota State	14
23	Leigh, Charles	RB	5-11	206	28	6	None	14
66	Little, Larry	G	6-1	265	28	8	Bethune-Cookman	13
88	Mandich, Jim	TE	6-2	224	26	5	Michigan	14
53	Matheson, Bob	LB	6-4	235	29	8	Duke	14
65	Moore, Maulty	DT	6-5	265	28	3	Bethune-Cookman	12
79	Moore, Wayne	T	6-6	265	28	5	Lamar Tech	13
15	Morrall, Earl	QB	6-2	210	40	19	Michigan State	14
22	Morris, Mercury	RB	5-10	192	27	6	West Texas State	13
26	Mumphord, Lloyd	CB	5-10	176	27	6	Texas Southern	11
64	Newman, Ed	G	6-2	245	23	2	Duke	11
36	Nottingham, Don	RB	5-10	210	25	4	Kent State	11
56	Powell, Jesse	LB	6-2	222	27	6	West Texas State	3
82	Rather, Bo	WR	6-1	182	23	2	Michigan	6
13	Scott, Jake	S	6-0	188	29	5	Georgia	14
20	Seiple, Larry	P-TE	6-0	214	29	8	Kentucky	14
34	Sellers, Ron	WR	6-4	204	27	6	Florida State	3
84	Stanfill, Bill	DE	6-5	252	27	6	Georgia	14
48	Stuckey, Henry	CB	6-1	180	25	2	Missouri	6
59	Swift, Doug	LB	6-3	226	26	5	Amherst	14
81	Twilley, Howard	WR	5-10	185	30	9	Tulsa	6
42	Warfield, Paul	WR	6-0	188	31	11	Ohio State	14
70	Woods, Larry	DT	6-6	260	26	4	Tennessee State	3
1	Yepremian, Garo	K	5-8	175	30	8	None	14
76	Young, Willie	T	6-5	262	27	5	Alcorn A&M	1

(1) Missed entire 1973 season because of injury
(2) Missed entire 1973 season because of injury

TOP DRAFT CHOICES

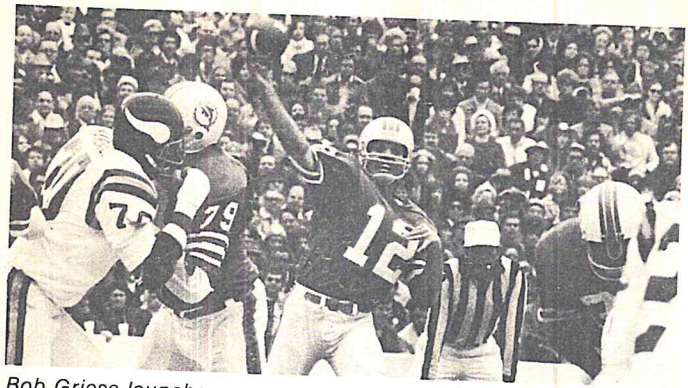
Round	Name	Pos	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Exp.	College
1	Reese, Donald	DE	6-6	256	22	R	Jackson State
2	Tillman, Andre	TE	6-4	228	21	R	Texas Tech
2a	Malone, Ben	RB	5-10	189	22	R	Arizona State
2b	White, Jeris	CB	5-11	183	21	R	Hawaii
3	Moore, Nat	WR	5-10	177	22	R	Florida

1973 LEADERS

Rushing (yards)	Larry Csonka 1,003
Passing (percentage)	Bob Griese 53.2
Passing (yards)	Bob Griese 1,422
Passing (touchdowns)	Bob Griese 17
Receiving (number)	Marlin Briscoe 30
Receiving (yards)	Paul Warfield 514
Interceptions (number)	Dick Anderson 8
Punting (average)	Larry Seiple 42.3
Punt Returns (average)	Jake Scott 12.1
Kickoff Returns (average)	Mercury Morris 22.0
Field Goals	Garo Yepremian 25
Touchdowns	Paul Warfield 11
Points	Garo Yepremian 113

RECENT TRADES

Rookie quarterback Joe Theismann to Washington for the Redskins' first round draft choice in 1976.



Bob Griese launches a super pass.

The 12-2-0 Season of 1973

SEPT. 16 Yepremian's 45-yard field goal in fourth quarter broke 13-13 tie in sweltering Orange Bowl. *Miami 21, San Francisco 13.*

SEPT. 23 Raiders stopped Dolphins 18-game winning streak with inspired defense, four Blanda field goals. *Oakland 12, Miami 7.*

SEPT. 30 Morris gained 197 yards rushing, with touchdown runs of 70, 35, and 14 yards. *Miami 44, New England 23.*

OCT. 7 Griese threw two touchdown passes to Warfield, one to Briscoe, in methodical rout of Jets. *Miami 31, New York Jets 3.*

OCT. 15 Dolphins overcame 6-3 deficit on pair of touchdowns by Csonka, who carried for 114 yards. *Miami 17, Cleveland 9.*

OCT. 21 No-Name Defense limited Simpson to 55 yards; Mandich caught two touchdown passes from Griese. *Miami 27, Buffalo 6.*

OCT. 28 Poor Patriots punting made way for three Yepremian field goals and Morris touchdown. *Miami 30, New England 14.*

NOV. 4 Jets forged 14-14 halftime tie, but Griese touchdown pass to Warfield propelled Dolphins. *Miami 24, New York Jets 14.*

NOV. 11 Foley scored two touchdowns on runbacks of blocked punts by himself and teammate Matheson. *Miami 44, Baltimore 0.*

NOV. 18 Dolphins earned second straight shutout despite Simpson's 120 yards rushing, Braxton's 119. *Miami 17, Buffalo 0.*

NOV. 22 Dolphins engineered pair of long touchdown marches to defeat Cowboys at Texas Stadium. *Miami 14, Dallas 7.*

DEC. 3 Anderson intercepted four passes, two for touchdowns in first half before Steelers rallied. *Miami 30, Pittsburgh 26.*

DEC. 9 Colts converted four fourth-down plays, and sustained 47-yard touchdown drive to gain upset. *Baltimore 16, Miami 3.*

DEC. 15 Warfield caught four first-half touchdown passes; Dolphins won 26th regular-season game in 28 tries. *Miami 34, Detroit 7.*

DOLPHINS RECORDS

SCORING

Most Points
Lifetime – 442, Garo Yepremian
Season – 117, Garo Yepremian, 1971
Game – 24, Paul Warfield vs. Detroit, Dec. 15, 1973

Most Touchdowns
Lifetime – 35, Larry Csonka
Season – 12, Mercury Morris, 1972
Game – 4, Paul Warfield vs. Detroit, Dec. 15, 1973

Most Points After Touchdown Made
Lifetime – 145, Garo Yepremian
Season – 43, Garo Yepremian, 1972
Game – 7, Garo Yepremian vs. New England, Nov. 12, 1972

Most Field Goals Made
Lifetime – 99, Garo Yepremian
Season – 28, Garo Yepremian, 1971
Game – 5, Garo Yepremian vs. Buffalo, Sept. 26, 1971

Longest Field Goal
54, Garo Yepremian vs. Buffalo, Oct. 22, 1972

RUSHING

Most Attempts
Lifetime – 1,089, Larry Csonka
Season – 219, Larry Csonka, 1973
Game – 26, Mercury Morris vs. Baltimore, Dec. 16, 1972
Jim Kiick vs. N. Y. Jets, Oct. 10, 1970
Jim Kiick vs. Houston, Oct. 6, 1968
Larry Csonka vs. Houston, Oct. 6, 1968

Most Yards Gained
Lifetime – 5,151, Larry Csonka
Season – 1,117, Larry Csonka, 1972
Game – 197, Mercury Morris vs. New England, Sept. 30, 1973

Most Games, 100 or More Yards
Lifetime – 13, Larry Csonka
Season – 4, Larry Csonka, 1972

Longest Run From Scrimmage
70, Mercury Morris vs. New England, Sept. 30, 1973
Mercury Morris vs. Cleveland, Oct. 15, 1973

PASSING

Most Passes Attempted
Lifetime – 1,761, Bob Griese
Season – 355, Bob Griese, 1968
Game – 53, Dick Wood vs. New England, Nov. 27, 1966

Most Passes Completed
Lifetime – 929, Bob Griese
Season – 186, Bob Griese, 1968
Game – 23, Bob Griese vs. Oakland, Sept. 20, 1968

Most Yards Gained
Lifetime – 12,341, Bob Griese
Season – 2,473, Bob Griese, 1968
Game – 327, Bob Griese vs. Cincinnati, Sept. 14, 1969

Longest Pass Completion
86, Bob Griese to Paul Warfield vs. Pittsburgh, Nov. 14, 1971

Most Touchdown Passes
Lifetime – 98, Bob Griese
Season – 21, Bob Griese, 1968
Game – 4, Bob Griese vs. Detroit, Dec. 15, 1973

PASS RECEPTIONS

Most Pass Receptions
Litetime – 203, Jim Kiick
Season – 67, Jack Clancy, 1967
Game – 8, Jack Clancy vs. San Diego, Nov. 19, 1967
Jack Clancy vs. San Diego, Dec. 10, 1967
Larry Seiple vs. Buffalo, Nov. 16, 1969
Jim Kiick vs. Baltimore, Nov. 1, 1970

Most Yards Gained
Lifetime – 2,819, Paul Warfield
Season – 996, Paul Warfield, 1971
Game – 161, Bo Roberson vs. Denver, Dec. 4, 1966

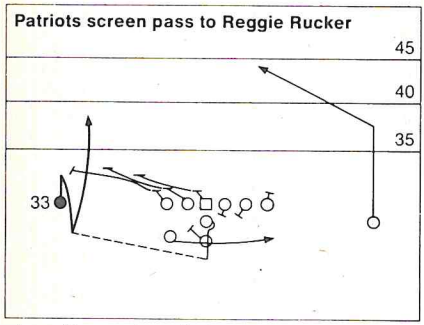
Most Touchdown Passes
Lifetime – 31, Paul Warfield
Season – 11, Karl Noonan, 1968
Paul Warfield, 1971
Paul Warfield, 1973
Game – 4, Paul Warfield vs. Detroit, Dec. 15, 1973

INTERCEPTIONS

Most Interceptions By
Lifetime – 32, Dick Anderson
Season – 10, Dick Westmoreland, 1967
Game – 4, Dick Anderson vs. Pittsburgh, Dec. 3, 1973

Longest Return
105, Mercury Morris vs. Cincinnati, Sept. 14, 1969

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS



The New England Patriots don't really fit in amid all that history and rich tradition around them. They're just too young. All of them, from the coach down to the quarterback, the offensive line, the defense...you name it.

Some of them haven't even found out which way O. J. Simpson went yet, let alone Paul Revere.

But then, that's the nice thing about Chuck Fairbanks and his mod Patriots. They're concentrating on the future, not the past. They're learning and growing and building together.

Their long-range goal? To make a little history of their own.

In his first year on the job, Fairbanks threw away his Oklahoma wishbone and immediately upgraded things in another section of the country. He took a 3-11 New England team and finished 5-9 with it. He turned a wretched defense into one that could almost be called respectable. He restored the confidence of Jim Plunkett, his outstanding young quarterback. And, in one startling stretch there late in the season, he even managed to win three games in a row.

As Fairbanks would be the first to tell you, though, his work has only begun. He has to solidify that defense even more. He has to find a way to combat the run and, at the same time, improve his own ground game. And he has to find someone who can kick field goals.

New England's fullback, Sam Cunningham, soars through Chiefs.

Wide Receiver Reggie Rucker

Cornerback Ron Bolton

Quarterback Jim Plunkett

Defensive Tackle Julius Adams

His offense will continue to revolve around Plunkett, the strong-armed, former Heisman trophy winner who improved in practically every aspect of his game a year ago. His backfield partners will probably still be John Tarver and Sam Cunningham. Tarver is effective when healthy and Cunningham, the bull from USC, had an outstanding rookie season.

Yet, there were only three teams in the NFL who ran the ball with less consistency than New England. Fairbanks hopes to improve that with better blocking up front. John Hannah, his first-round pick from Alabama, moved right in at one guard a year ago and played like a future all-pro. The hope is that Steve Corbett, this year's top draft pick, can do the same at the other guard, where he'll try to beat out Len St. Jean, the 11-year veteran. Tackle Tommy Neville played well, although he missed a half dozen games with injury. And young Leon Gray was a surprise at the other tackle position. The center is veteran Bill Lenkaitis.

Plunkett has good receivers in underrated Reggie Rucker, little Randy Vataha, and talented Darryl Stingley, who came fast the latter part of his rookie season. The tight end is sound Bob Windsor.

On defense, the Patriots were second in the NFL against the pass. Of course, part of that, to a large part, was due to the fact they were also twenty-sixth, and last, against the rush. Julius Adams is a quality tackle, and Ray Hamilton came over with his coach from Oklahoma to make a surprising first-year contribution at one end. But tackle Dave Rowe and end Rick Cash, the other two starters, are journeymen. Some rookies figure strongly in the linebacker plans. The incumbents are Edgar Chandler in the middle, with Steve King and Ron Acks outside. Number two draft pick Steve Nelson will get a shot at Chandler's job. While number five, Charles Battle, and number seven, Maury Damkroger, will try to challenge at the other spots.

Cornerback Ron Bolton is the star of the secondary. Little George Hoey was at the other corner, with Sandy Durko and Ralph Anderson the safeties.

The kicking game isn't as healthy as the kick return game. Mini Mack Herron was a sensation returning punts and kickoffs. Jeff White was something less than that placekicking 14 of 25 on field goals, 21 of 25 on conversions. Bruce Barnes had a fair rookie year punting, 38.8.

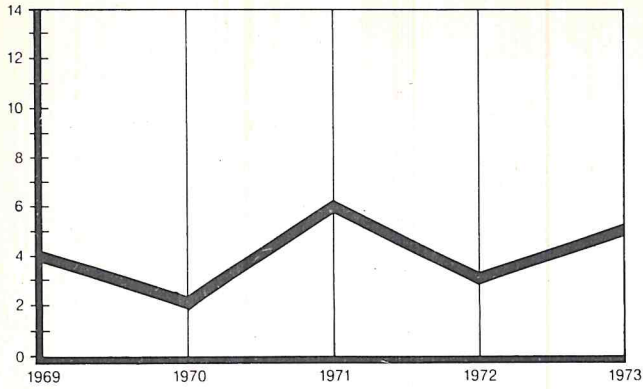
Fairbanks and his young optimists are trying their best to be realistic. After all, they are in the same division with Miami. And the schedule this year, besides those two meetings with the Dolphins, includes games with Minnesota, Oakland, Los Angeles, Pittsburgh, and Cleveland.

So they will have to improve just to match last fall's 5-9 record. That doesn't bother them, though.

They've got a lot of things going for them. They've got Fairbanks and Plunkett and Hannah and Adams. They've got a progressive organization and appreciative fans.

But most of all, they've got time on their side.

NOTES—Herron, a favorite of the fans in Foxboro, broke every existing kickoff and punt return record in the Patriots' book...The Pats could use a scrimmage runner with breakaway potential. Their longest



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run last year only covered 34 yards...Rucker broke the club record with 53 receptions good for 743 yards ...Cunningham, a brutal blocker, led the runners with 516 yards...Jack Mildren, Fairbanks's old Oklahoma quarterback, was acquired from Baltimore, reviving some of that wishbone talk again. Fairbanks may tinker with the formation but likely only in special situations...The Patriots are intrigued with the running back potential of 200-pound Andy Johnson, who was Georgia's starting quarterback for three years. Johnson was a fifth-round draft pick...Dick Gordon, who led the NFL in pass receptions at Chicago in 1970, was acquired from Green Bay and is penciled in to back up Rucker at wide receiver...New England held opponents to 146 fewer points than in the previous season...Plunkett reduced his number of interceptions (25 to 17) and sacks (44 to 37) and increased his touchdown pass total (8 to 13) and percentage (47.6 to 51.3) from 1972...Defensive tackle Arthur Moore, who arrived from San Francisco last year, is considered a prospect...At the close of the 1973 season 40 of the Patriots' 47 players had three or less years playing experience.

Stadium: **Schaefer Stadium (Poly-Turf; 61,279)** Colors: **Red, White, and Blue**

THE COACHING STAFF

Chuck Fairbanks, who upgraded New England's football team in his first year on the job, hopes to keep the improvement program going this season. Taking a team that finished 3-11-1 in 1972, Fairbanks compiled a 5-9 record. Before that, in six years at the University of Oklahoma, he won 52, lost 15 and tied 1. So he knows what winning's all about. His staff in New England includes Bill Nelsen, quarterbacks; Ray Perkins, receivers; Red Miller, offensive line; and Ron Erhardt, offensive backfield. Hank Bullough handles the defensive line, Charley Sumner the linebackers, and Larrye Weaver the secondary. The special teams coach is Jim Valek. The trainer is Tom Healion and the equipment manager is George Luongo.

1974 SCHEDULE

PRESEASON

Aug. 2	at Washington	8:00
Aug. 11	NEW YORK GIANTS	8:00
Aug. 18	NEW ORLEANS	8:00
Aug. 24	at San Diego	8:00
Aug. 31	vs. Denver at Spokane, Wash.	7:00
Sept. 8	PHILADELPHIA	8:00

REGULAR SEASON

Sept. 15	MIAMI W	1:00
Sept. 22	at New York Giants W	1:00
Sept. 29	LOS ANGELES W	1:00
Oct. 6	BALTIMORE W	1:00
Oct. 13	at New York Jets W	1:00
Oct. 20	at Buffalo L	1:00
Oct. 27	at Minnesota W	1:00
Nov. 3	BUFFALO L	1:00
Nov. 10	CLEVELAND L	1:00
Nov. 17	NEW YORK JETS L	1:00
Nov. 24	at Baltimore W	2:00
Dec. 1	at Oakland	1:00
Dec. 8	PITTSBURGH	1:00
Dec. 15	at Miami	1:00

1974 PATRIOTS VETERAN ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Exp.	College	Games in 1973
51	Acks, Ron	LB	6-2	200	30	7	Illinois	14
80	Adams, Bob	TE	6-2	225	28	5	Pacific	11
85	Adams, Julius	DT	6-3	257	26	4	Texas Southern	14
61	Adams, Sam	G	6-3	252	26	3	Prairie View	13
49	Anderson, Ralph	S	6-1	180	25	4	West Texas State	13
31	Ashton, Josh	RB	6-1	202	25	3	Tulsa	13
78	Banks, Willie	G	6-2	250	28	5	Alcorn A&M	13
3	Barnes, Bruce	P	5-11	212	23	2	UCLA	14
27	Bolton, Ron	CB	6-2	170	24	3	Norfolk State	14
29	Boyd, Greg	S	6-2	201	24	2	Arizona	2
63	Cash, Rick	DT	6-5	245	29	6	Northeast Missouri	14
50	Chandler, Edgar	LB	6-3	225	28	7	Georgia	12
39	Cunningham, Sam	RB	6-3	224	24	2	USC	14
66	Dorsey, Nate	DE	6-4	240	24	2	Mississippi Valley	2
14	Dowling, Brian	QB	6-2	198	27	3	Yale	11
58	Dumler, Doug	C	6-3	242	24	2	Nebraska	14
22	Durko, Sandy	S	6-1	186	26	4	USC	14
55	Foster, Will	LB	6-2	230	26	2	Eastern Michigan	10
55	Geddes, Bob	LB	6-2	240	28	2	UCLA	2
	Gordon, Dick (1)	WR	5-11	190	30	10	Michigan State	7
70	Gray, Leon	DT	6-3	256	23	2	Jackson State	9
71	Hamilton, Ray	DE	6-1	232	23	2	Oklahoma	14
73	Hannah, John	G	6-2	265	23	2	Alabama	13
	Harkey, Steve (2)	RB	6-0	215	25	3	Georgia Tech	0
42	Herron, Mack	RB	5-5	170	26	2	Kansas State	14
23	Hoey, George	CB	5-10	180	28	4	Michigan	14
52	King, Steve	LB	6-4	255	23	2	Tulsa	7
67	Lenkaitis, Bill	G	6-4	250	28	7	Penn State	12
72	Lunsford, Mel	DT	6-3	250	24	2	Central State, Ohio	4
24	McCall, Bob	RB	6-0	205	24	2	Arizona	8
38	Martin, Donald	CB	5-11	187	25	2	Yale	14
28	Mason, Dave	S	6-0	199	25	2	Nebraska	8
	Mildren, Jack (3)	S	6-1	200	25	3	Oklahoma	14
75	Moore, Arthur	DT	6-5	253	23	2	Tulsa	13
56	Morris, Jon	C	6-4	248	32	11	Holy Cross	2
77	Neville, Tom	T	6-4	260	31	10	Mississippi State	8
30	Patrick, Wayne (4)	RB	6-1	230	28	6	Louisville	0
54	Peterson, Bill (5)	LB	6-3	226	29	5	San Jose State	0
16	Plunkett, Jim	QB	6-2	210	27	4	Stanford	14
76	Rowe, Dave	DT	6-7	265	29	8	Penn State	14
33	Rucker, Reggie	WR	6-2	190	27	5	Boston U.	14
11	Shiner, Dick	QB	6-0	201	32	11	Maryland	4
65	Smith, Donnell	DE	6-4	245	25	3	Southern U.	12
60	St. Jean, Len	G	6-0	250	33	11	Northern Michigan	14
59	Stenger, Brian	LB	6-4	241	27	6	Notre Dame	10
84	Stingley, Darryl	WR	6-0	195	23	2	Purdue	14
53	Tanner, John	LB	6-4	235	29	3	Tennessee Tech	14
36	Tarver, John	RB	6-3	216	25	3	Colorado	12
18	Vataha, Randy	WR	5-10	170	26	4	Stanford	14
43	Welch, Claxton	RB	5-11	203	27	5	Oregon	2
2	White, Jeff	K	5-10	167	26	2	Texas-El Paso	11
86	Windsor, Bob	TE	6-4	225	32	8	Kentucky	13

(1) Played 5 games with Los Angeles, 2 with Green Bay in 1973
(2) Last active with New York Jets in 1972
(3) Played 14 games with Baltimore in 1973
(4) Missed entire 1973 season because of injury
(5) Last active with Cincinnati in 1972

TOP DRAFT CHOICES

Round	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Exp.	College
2	Corbett, Steve	G	6-4	248	23	R	Boston College
2a	Nelson, Steve	LB	6-2	223	23	R	North Dakota State
5	Johnson, Andy	RB	6-0	204	21	R	Georgia
5a	Battle, Charles	DE	6-4	235	21	R	Grambling
6	Ramsey, Chuck	P/K	6-1	190	22	R	Wake Forest

1973 LEADERS

Rushing (yards)	Sam Cunningham 516
Passing (percentage)	Jim Plunkett 51.3
Passing (yards)	Jim Plunkett 2,550
Passing (touchdowns)	Jim Plunkett 13
Receiving (number)	Reggie Rucker 53
Receiving (yards)	Reggie Rucker 743
Interceptions (number)	Ron Bolton 6
Punting (average)	Bruce Barnes 38.8
Punt Returns (average)	Mack Herron 10.4
Kickoff Returns (average)	Mack Herron 26.6
Field Goals	Jeff White 14
Touchdowns	Sam Cunningham and Jim Plunkett 5
Points	Jeff White 63

RECENT TRADES

A sixth round draft choice to Baltimore for safety Jack Mildren.

Linebacker Steve Kiner to Houston for a ninth round choice.

More of this kind of gang tackling is the goal of Patriots' defense.

The 5-9-0 Season of 1973

SEPT. 16 Patriots had long day on defense as Simpson carried for 250 yards, new NFL one-game record. *Buffalo 31, New England 13.*

SEPT. 23 Chiefs built 10-0 lead before Cunningham scored Patriots touchdown with minute left. *Kansas City 10, New England 7.*

SEPT. 30 Morris rushed for Dolphins club record 197 yards and scored on runs of 75, 30, 24 yards. *Miami 44, New England 23.*

OCT. 7 Tarver scored 1-yard touchdown after short punt, and 3-yarder after Colts fumbled punt. *New England 24, Baltimore 16.*

OCT. 14 Foster recovered blocked punt for score, but Howfield had game-winning field goal. *New York Jets 9, New England 7.*

OCT. 21 Plunkett ran five yards for winning touchdown with just under two minutes to play in game. *New England 13, Chicago 10.*

OCT. 28 Yepremian kicked three field goals, Morris added touchdown after poor Patriots punting. *Miami 30, New England 14.*

NOV. 4 Patriots blew 17-0 lead and Dempsey kicked winning field goal with 35 seconds left. *Philadelphia 24, New England 23.*

NOV. 11 Riggins, Boozer scored first-half touchdowns, Patriots fumbled six times, lost five. *New York Jets 33, New England 13.*

NOV. 18 Patriots overcame 14-0 deficit, scored two touchdowns within two minutes of final quarter. *New England 33, Green Bay 24.*

NOV. 25 Plunkett passed to Windsor and Rucker for touchdowns in Patriots first shutout since 1971. *New England 32, Houston 0.*

DEC. 2 Plunkett passed to Vataha for touchdown, then scored two himself on short runs. *New England 30, San Diego 14.*

DEC. 9 Simpson once again scuttled Patriots defense, rushing for 219 yards on slippery field. *Buffalo 37, New England 13.*

DEC. 16 Mitchell carried 34 times, gained 143 yards, as Colts overcame 13-9 Patriots lead. *Baltimore 18, New England 13.*

PATRIOTS RECORDS

SCORING

Most Points
Lifetime – 1,130, Gino Cappelletti
Season – 155, Gino Cappelletti, 1964
Game – 28, Gino Cappelletti vs. Houston, Dec. 18, 1965

Most Touchdowns
Lifetime – 46, Jim Nance
Season – 11, Billy Lott, 1961
Jim Nance, 1966
Game – 3, Billy Lott vs. Buffalo, Oct. 22, 1961
Billy Lott vs. Oakland, Dec. 9, 1961
Larry Garron vs. Oakland, Oct. 16, 1964
Gino Cappelletti vs. Buffalo, Nov. 15, 1964
Larry Garron vs. San Diego, Oct. 23, 1966
Jim Whalen vs. Miami, Oct. 15, 1967

Most Points After Touchdown Made
Lifetime – 342, Gino Cappelletti
Season – 48, Gino Cappelletti, 1961
Game – 7, Gino Cappelletti vs. Buffalo, Oct. 22, 1961

Most Field Goals Made
Lifetime – 176, Gino Cappelletti
Season – 25, Gino Cappelletti, 1964
Game – 6, Gino Cappelletti vs. Denver, Oct. 4, 1964

Longest Field Goal
53, Gino Cappelletti vs. N.Y. Jets, Nov. 28, 1965

RUSHING

Most Attempts
Lifetime – 1,323, Jim Nance
Season – 299, Jim Nance, 1966
Game – 38, Jim Nance vs. Oakland, Oct. 30, 1966

Most Yards Gained
Lifetime – 5,323, Jim Nance
Season – 1,458, Jim Nance, 1966
Game – 208, Jim Nance vs. Oakland, Oct. 30, 1966

Most Games, 100 or More Yards
Lifetime – 17, Jim Nance
Season – 8, Jim Nance, 1966

Longest Run From Scrimmage
85, Larry Garron vs. Buffalo, Oct. 22, 1961

PASSING

Most Passes Attempted
Lifetime – 2,413, Babe Parilli
Season – 473, Babe Parilli, 1964
Game – 50, Babe Parilli vs. N. Y. Jets, Nov. 14, 1965

Most Passes Completed
Lifetime – 1,140, Babe Parilli
Season – 228, Babe Parilli, 1964
Game – 25, Butch Songin vs. Dallas Texans, Nov. 18, 1960
Babe Parilli vs. Kansas City, Nov. 17, 1963
Babe Parilli vs. Oakland, Oct. 16, 1964

Most Yards Gained
Lifetime – 16,747, Babe Parilli
Season – 3,465, Babe Parilli, 1964
Game – 422, Babe Parilli vs. Oakland, Oct. 16, 1964

Longest Pass Completion
88, Jim Plunkett to Randy Vataha vs. Baltimore, Dec. 19, 1971

Most Touchdown Passes
Lifetime – 132, Babe Parilli
Season – 31, Babe Parilli, 1964
Game – 5, Babe Parilli vs. Buffalo, Nov. 15, 1964
Babe Parilli vs. Miami, Oct. 15, 1967

PASS RECEPTIONS

Most Pass Receptions
Lifetime – 292, Gino Cappelletti
Season – 53, Reggie Rucker, 1973
Game – 11, Art Graham vs. Kansas City, Nov. 20, 1966

Most Yards Gained
Lifetime – 5,001, Jim Colclough
Season – 872, Randy Vataha, 1971
Game – 167, Art Graham vs. Houston, Nov. 6, 1964

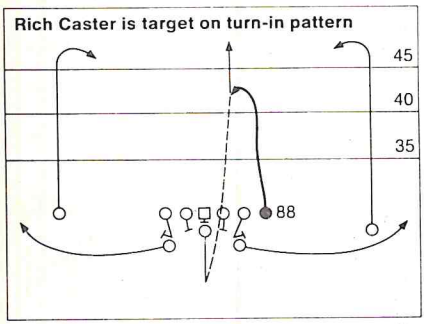
Most Touchdown Passes
Lifetime – 42, Gino Cappelletti
Season – 10, Jim Colclough, 1962
Game – 3, Billy Lott vs. Buffalo, Oct. 22, 1961
Gino Cappelletti vs. Buffalo, Nov. 15, 1964
Jim Whalen vs. Miami, Oct. 15, 1967

INTERCEPTIONS

Most Interceptions By
Lifetime – 27, Ron Hall
Season – 11, Ron Hall, 1964
Game – 3, Gino Cappelletti vs. Oakland, Oct. 16, 1960
Ross O'Hanley vs. Houston, Nov. 18, 1962
Ron Hall vs. San Diego, Sept. 20, 1964
Nick Buoniconti vs. Buffalo, Oct. 20, 1968

Long Return
98, Bob Suci vs. Houston, Nov. 1, 1963

NEW YORK JETS



The neon signs have lost some of their glitter. Part of the Broadway magic has worn off. The New York Jets are no longer that charismatic team that stuck it to the establishment in Super Bowl III.

They're just another struggling club trying to get their schtick together.

For starters, they've got a new coach. Weeb Ewbank has moved to the front office and his replacement comes well recommended. Not only that, his name has a nice ring to it.

Winner. Charley Winner. Only thing wrong is that he starts out with a team that has had a losing record recently. The once mighty Jets plunged to the depths of the AFC East last year with a 4-10 record.

Now the new coach begins a new era, hoping to recapture some of the fever that used to grip Shea Stadium in the fall.

Can he turn it around in one year? He'll need help. He'll need Joe Namath to become something other than the league's most famous invalid. He'll need a return of the old John Riggins at fullback. And he'll need some of those big, strong, good looking rookies to move in and plug a few of the holes on defense.

Namath, of course, remains the pivotal personality on this team. When healthy, he can still throw the football as beautifully as it has ever been thrown. He can instill the sort of confidence that just isn't there with any other quarterback. But there are those

Emerson Boozer darted for a career high 831 yards.

Safety Chris Farasopoulos

Wide Receiver Jerome Barkum

Defensive Tackle Richard Neal

Tight End Richard Caster

knees, those terribly vulnerable knees. And last year, it was a shoulder. It was separated, and Namath was absent from 9 of the Jets' 14 games. For the Jets to contend again, he has to be there more than that.

If not Broadway Joe, then it's Al Woodall. Whomever does the throwing will be blessed with some inviting targets. Jerome Barkum and Richard Caster, the tight end, both can make like racehorses and go deep. And little Eddie Bell comes up with more than his share of big catches.

The offensive line, the unit that used to protect Namath like a prized diamond, is undergoing some changes. Robert Woods, a rookie from Tennessee State who won a job at tackle last year, is being moved to guard. Gordon Browne, this year's number two draft choice from Boston College, will get first crack at his tackle spot. Winston Hill, who has appeared in seven straight Pro Bowls, is a foregone conclusion at the other tackle, while Randy Rasmussen, a proven eight-year veteran, will team with Browne. Dave Herman, a fixture for so many years, has announced his retirement.

Even the center, John Schmitt, will have to hustle to

keep his job. The coaches like Garry Puetz, a sophomore from Valparaiso.

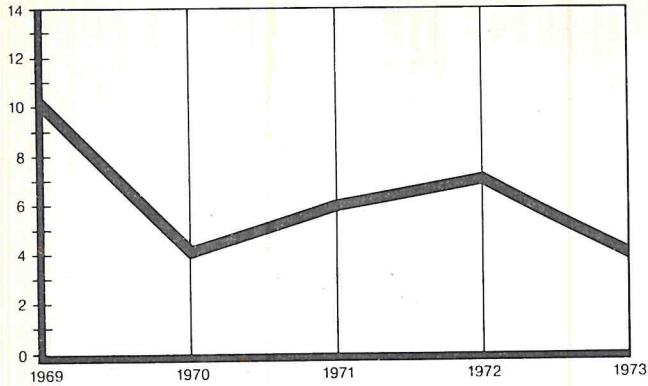
The Jets' running back tandem could be among the best in the conference. But only if Riggins takes care of business. Winner thinks the 230-pound bull from Kansas can be the best fullback in the league. But a year ago, after reporting late and incurring some injuries, he finished with only 482 yards. His sidekick, Emerson Boozer, was a different story. He had his best pro year, running for 831 yards and a 4.6 average. Depth? That's a problem. At the moment, there's only Mike Adamle and Hank Bjorklund.

Defensively, the big kid with the even bigger name is the key. Number one draft choice Carl Barzilauskas is expected to throw his 265 pounds around at one tackle. A year ago, the middle of the Jets' line rivaled Forty-Second Street for traffic. It is hoped Barzilauskas can act as an effective policeman. If he can, it will free Mark Lomas, the team leader in sacks with 10, and Ed Galigher, the other end, to concentrate on a pass rush that definitely needs more oomph. Richard Neal, the tackle obtained from New Orleans last year, did a good job and figures to start again.

The outside linebackers are adequate, with steady Ralph Baker in his eleventh year and aggressive Bill Ferguson, the second-year hitter from San Diego State. In the middle, Al Atkinson is unhappy and John Ebersole is coming off an injury. Maybe Godwin Turk, the number three draft choice with an Isiah Robertson-like image at Southern University, can step in.

Winner likes to think he can build the rest of his defense around his brilliant, young secondary. Delles Howell, acquired from the Saints, had an excellent year at one corner, and Earlie Thomas earns respect on the other side. Burgess Owens played the way number one draft choices are supposed to at strong safety. And Phil Wise is a good free safety who's been bothered by injuries.

The placekicking with Bobby Howfield is fine. The punting has been sub-par. Greg Gantt, an eighth-



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round selection from Alabama, probably will be the new punter. And with Chris Farasopoulos coming off knee surgery, another rookie, Roscoe Word, from Jackson State, could be the new kick runner.

This should be a transition year for the Jets. Too many fresh faces at too many positions will make it difficult to bounce all the way back. But then, if Broadway Joe starts throwing and Riggins starts running and that defense begins to tighten up . . . well, maybe Winner will live up to his name, after all.

NOTES—Bill Demory, the free agent quarterback who flew in from Arizona to win two games last year, will be back. Jets coaches call him one of the smartest young quarterbacks they've seen . . . Namath completed only 68 passes in 133 attempts for 966 yards and 5 touchdowns in 1973. In a normal year, he gets that much in three games . . . The Jets get a break in the schedule. Except for the Rams and Kansas City, none of their remaining nondivision opponents had a winning record last year . . .Ferguson will battle Rob Spicer, a part-time starter, for the job at outside linebacker. The Jets were high on both as rookies last year . . . Word led the nation in both kickoff and punt returns at Jackson State.

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THE COACHING STAFF

Charley Winner, 49, returns as an NFL head coach after one year as an assistant in New York. From 1967-71, he directed the St. Louis Cardinals to a 35-30-5 record. His new assistants on offense will include Ken Shipp, offensive coordinator; Mike Holovak, running backs; and Bob Fry, line. Dick Voris is the defensive coordinator and line coach, with Buddy Ryan handling linebackers and Sam Rutigliano, defensive backs. Jeff Snedeker is the trainer and Bill Hampton the equipment manager.

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Sept. 7	vs. Oakland at Berkeley, Calif.	1:00

REGULAR SEASON

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62	Atkinson, Al	LB	6-2	230	31	10	Villanova	5
51	Baker, Ralph	LB	6-3	228	32	11	Penn State	14
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7	Bell, Ed	WR	5-10	160	27	5	Idaho State	13
40	Bjorklund, Hank	RB	6-1	200	24	3	Princeton	10
32	Boozer, Emerson	RB	5-11	205	31	9	Md.-Eastern Shore	13
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Interceptions (number)	Ralph Baker and Delles Howell 4
Punting (average)	Julian Fagan 37.1
Punt Returns (average)	Chris Farasopoulos 7.9
Kickoff Returns (average)	Margene Adkins 19.8
Field Goals	Bobby Howfield 17
Touchdowns	Jerome Barkum and Emerson Boozer 6
Points	Bobby Howfield 78

RECENT TRADES

None

Al Atkinson turns to give aid as Ralph Baker intercepts.

The 4-10-0 Season of 1973

SEPT. 17 Packers used stout defense, three Marcol field goals and Hunter touchdown pass to win. *Green Bay 23, New York Jets 7.*

SEPT. 23 Despite loss of Namath, Jets romped with help of two touchdowns with interceptions. *New York Jets 34, Baltimore 10.*

SEPT. 30 Leypoldt kicked 42-yard field goal for winning margin; Jets scored with two seconds left. *Buffalo 9, New York Jets 7.*

OCT. 7 Griese exploited Jets defense with three touchdown passes, two to Warfield, one to Briscoe. *Miami 31, New York Jets 3.*

OCT. 14 Howfield kicked winning 22-yard field goal on drive spurred by Riggins, Boozer runs. *New York Jets 9, New England 7.*

OCT. 21 Jets led 14-12 in fourth quarter before Shanklin caught Hanratty touchdown pass. *Pittsburgh 26, New York Jets 14.*

OCT. 28 Broncos raced to 30-7 halftime lead, but Jets rallied on pair of Barkum touchdown catches. *Denver 40, New York Jets 28.*

NOV. 11 Third-string QB Demory threw touchdown pass, Riggins and Boozer added scores. *New York Jets 33, New England 13.*

NOV. 18 Last-second Bengals goal-line stand spoiled Namath's return to action in Cincinnati. *Cincinnati 20, New York Jets 14.*

NOV. 25 Lee threw for two touchdowns as Falcons sloshed to win in heavy New York rainstorm. *Atlanta 28, New York Jets 20.*

DEC. 2 Jets survived two last-quarter Colts touchdowns, then missed field goal with 1:51 left. *New York Jets 20, Baltimore 17.*

DEC. 9 Outlaw intercepted Woodall pass and returned it 45 yards for game-winning score. *Philadelphia 24, New York Jets 23.*

DEC. 16 Ewbank's last game ended on sour note: Simpson gained 200 yards for record 2,003 on year. *Buffalo 34, New York Jets 14.*

JETS RECORDS

SCORING

Most Points
Lifetime – 697, Jim Turner
Season – 145, Jim Turner, 1968
Game – 19, Jim Turner vs. Buffalo, Nov. 3, 1968

Most Touchdowns
Lifetime – 88, Don Maynard
Season – 14, Art Powell, 1960
Don Maynard, 1972
Emerson Boozer, 1972
Game – 3, 11 times

Most Points After Touchdown Made
Lifetime – 238, Jim Turner
Season – 47, Bill Shockley, 1960
Game – 7, Jim Turner vs. Houston, Sept. 18, 1966

Most Field Goals Made
Lifetime – 153, Jim Turner
Season – 34, Jim Turner, 1968
Game – 6, Jim Turner vs. Buffalo, Nov. 3, 1968
Bobby Howfield vs. New Orleans, Dec. 3, 1972

Longest Field Goal
51, Dick Guesman vs. Oakland, Oct. 20, 1963

RUSHING

Most Attempts
Lifetime – 1,118, Emerson Boozer
Season – 215, Matt Snell, 1964
Game – 32, George Nock vs. Minnesota, Nov. 29, 1970
John Riggins vs. New England, Oct. 15, 1972

Most Yards Gained
Lifetime – 4,521, Emerson Boozer
Season – 948, Matt Snell, 1964
Game – 180, Matt Snell vs. Houston, Oct. 17, 1964

Most Games, 100 or More Yards
Lifetime – 11, Matt Snell
Season – 3, Matt Snell, 1964
John Riggins, 1972

Longest Run From Scrimmage
79, Bill Mathis vs. Houston, Nov. 21, 1965

PASSING

Most Passes Attempted
Lifetime – 2,738, Joe Namath
Season – 491, Joe Namath, 1967
Game – 62, Joe Namath vs. Baltimore, Oct. 18, 1970

Most Passes Completed
Lifetime – 1,374, Joe Namath
Season – 258, Joe Namath, 1967
Game – 34, Joe Namath vs. Baltimore, Oct. 18, 1972

Most Yards Gained
Lifetime – 21,065, Joe Namath
Season – 4,007, Joe Namath, 1967
Game – 496, Joe Namath vs. Baltimore, Sept. 24, 1972

Longest Pass Completion
87, Joe Namath to Don Maynard vs. San Diego, Nov. 24, 1968

Most Touchdown Passes
Lifetime – 131, Joe Namath
Season – 26, Al Dorow, 1960
Joe Namath, 1967
Game – 6, Joe Namath vs. Baltimore, Sept. 24, 1972

PASS RECEPTIONS

Most Pass Receptions
Lifetime – 627, Don Maynard
Season – 75, George Sauer, 1967
Game – 12, Art Powell vs. Denver, Oct. 22, 1961
Don Maynard vs. Oakland, Dec. 17, 1967
Ed Bell vs. Baltimore, Oct. 18, 1970

Most Yards Gained
Lifetime – 11,732, Don Maynard
Season – 1,434, Don Maynard, 1967
Game – 228, Don Maynard vs. Oakland, Nov. 17, 1968

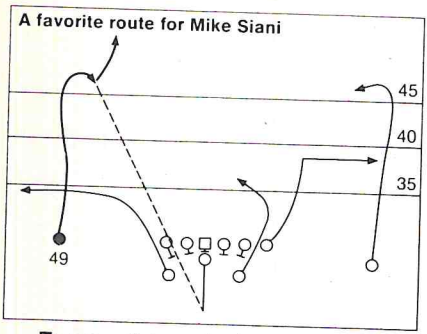
Most Touchdown Passes
Lifetime – 88, Don Maynard
Season – 14, Art Powell, 1960
Don Maynard, 1965
Game – 3, Art Powell vs. Denver, Dec. 4, 1960
Don Maynard vs. Denver, Oct. 26, 1963
Don Maynard vs. San Diego, Dec. 24, 1967
Don Maynard vs. Miami, Dec. 1, 1968
Rick Caster vs. Baltimore, Sept. 24, 1972

INTERCEPTIONS

Most Interceptions By
Lifetime – 34, Bill Baird
Season – 12, Dainard Paulson, 1964
Game – 3, Dainard Paulson vs. Oakland, Sept. 28, 1963
Bill Baird vs. Boston, Oct. 31, 1964
Rich Sowells vs. Baltimore, Sept. 23, 1973

Longest Return
83, Wayne Fontes vs. Houston, touchdown, Dec. 15, 1962

OAKLAND RAIDERS



OK, so Miami was number one. But who was number two in the National Football League last year? Minnesota is the logical answer. The Vikings were there in the Super Bowl, weren't they?

Funny thing, but you talk to enough people around the NFL, pin them down and really make them think about a choice...and many of them will select Oakland.

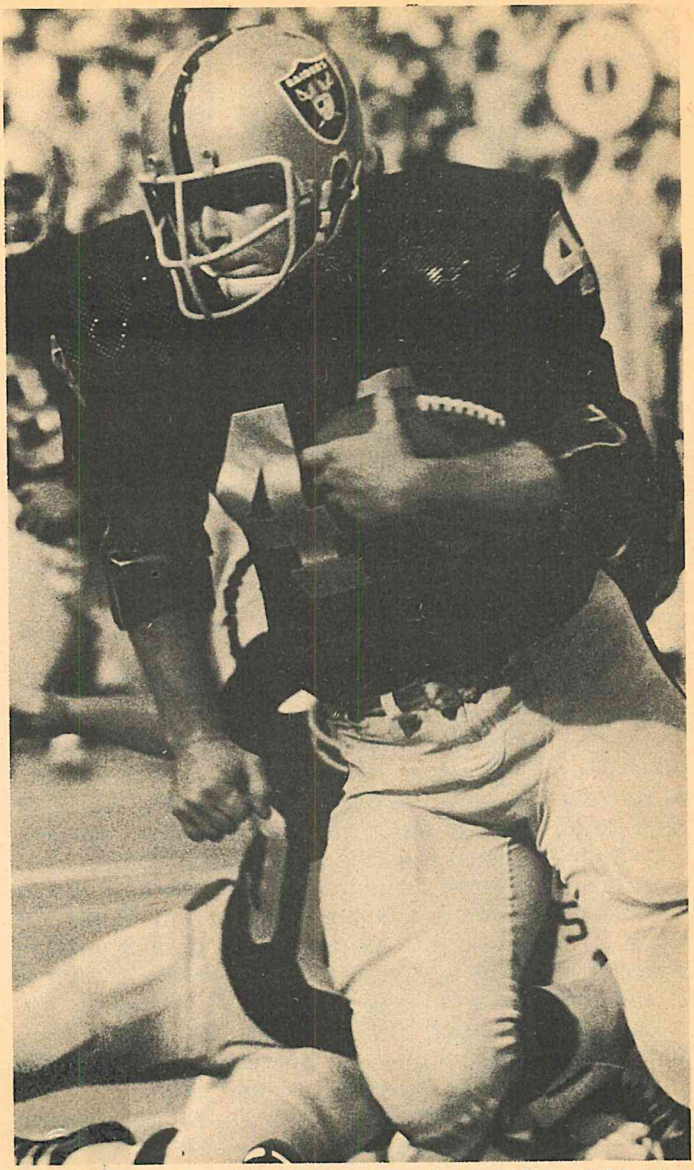
The Raiders, with that smooth, ground-hugging offense, the dart-like passes of improving Ken Stabler, the sure-handed catches of Fred Biletnikoff, and that sound, if somewhat unspectacular, defense.

After winning their sixth AFC Western Division title in the past seven years, they blew Pittsburgh out in the first round of the playoffs 33-14. Then, in the AFC championship game at Miami, they forced the Dolphins to go all out, before finally succumbing to a second-half burst and falling 27-10.

They've been so consistently good for so long, the Raiders seem like they should be aging. It's as if they should all be as old as George Blanda. But they're not. This is a young team, a surprisingly young team.

And in Oakland, they like to think the best is yet to come.

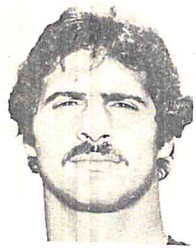
They might be right, now that Stabler, the perennial heir apparent, has assumed command at quarterback. A remarkably accurate left-handed thrower, he's almost the model quarterback of the seventies. He's



Oakland batters opponents with a super line and Marv Hubbard.

Kicker Ray Guy

Defensive Tackle Otis Sistrunk



Wide Receiver Mike Siani

Cornerback Willie Brown

quick and mobile and fires on the run about as well as anyone. He was the top-rated passer in the AFC last year and third in the NFL. Behind him, of course, there's Daryle Lamonica. And who's got a better number two?

The runners are tough and effective. Marv Hubbard, Charlie Smith, and Clarence Davis were the prime movers in helping Oakland set a new team rushing record of 2,510 yards. Biletnikoff is...well, Biletnikoff. Simply one of the best in football. On the other side, Mike Siani is much the same kind of receiver. The tight end is young, improving Bob Moore.

Perhaps Oakland's outstanding unit, though, is the offensive line. Guard Gene Upshaw and tackle Art Shell are coming off all-pro years. Guard George Buehler is highly underrated. And Bob Brown is one of the best tackles in league history when healthy. He wasn't around much of last season, but young John Vella filled in admirably. At center, Jim Otto is still there, still doing his excellent low-key job.

Defensively, the addition of Bubba Smith up front produced just what the Raiders hoped it would. They sacked opposing quarterbacks 40 times, the most

since 1969. Tony Cline teams with Bubba at end while Art Thoms and Otis Sistrunk work the tackles. Bubba's knee did not allow him to go full time, and Horace Jones was a capable replacement.

The linebacking features Pro Bowler Phil Villapiano on one side, underrated Gerald Irons on the other and solid Dan Conners in the middle. The three of them were selected NFL defensive players of the week after Oakland snapped Miami's winning streak early in the season.

The defensive backfield might be the best in the AFC. All-pro Willie Brown teams with Nemiah Wilson at the corners, while George Atkinson, the superb kick returner, and aggressive Jack Tatum are the safeties.

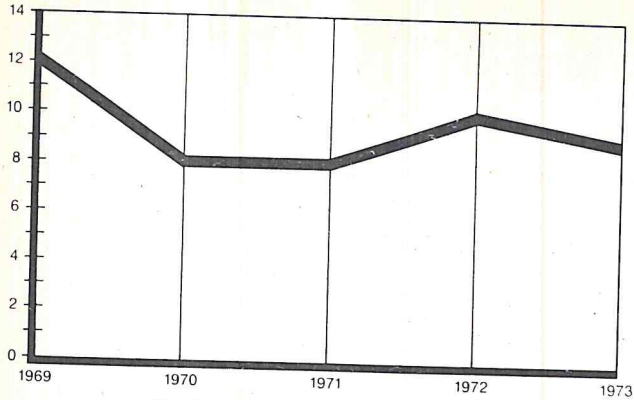
The kicking is like the rest of the Oakland team. It has no weakness. Blanda, the league's all-time leading scorer, still placekicks effectively. And last year's number one draft pick, Ray Guy, quickly established himself as one of the game's great punters.

Around the rest of the AFC West, confidence abounds. Denver is fresh from its first winning season and is now talking hungrily about the playoffs. Kansas City has just had its best draft in years. And San Diego has a new coach and new attitude to go along with some solid leftover players.

But before any of them start making too many plans, there is Oakland with which to contend. The young, physical, Raiders. The organization that has completely dominated the division. The club with the best won-lost record in the National Football League over the past 11 years.

The team that just might be one of the two best in football.

NOTES—Oakland's number one draft choice is Henry Lawrence, a 6-foot 3-inch, 255-pound blocker who could be Brown's eventual replacement at tackle ...Atkinson returned punts for 336 yards last year. The previous season, Oakland had only 66 yards in punt returns . . . Guy, in his first season, averaged 45.3 yards a punt and made the Pro Bowl . . . The amazing



Raiders Victories Last Five Years

Blanda will celebrate his forty-seventh birthday September 17... Number two draft choice Dave Casper, a 6-foot 3-inch, 240-pounder from Notre Dame, will challenge Moore at tight end... The Raiders were tops in offense in the AFC and first in defense . . . Oakland allowed just 174 points in 14 games or 12.5 per game, its best mark in 14 seasons . . . Seven Raiders opponents were limited to one touchdown or less, and 11 of 14 scored less than 20 points . . . Oakland's record since 1963 is 103-40-11, tops in the NFL. That's a winning percentage of .720. Cleveland is next at .680, followed by Baltimore at .673. When he completed 25 of 29 passes against the Colts, Stabler broke an NFL record for passing efficiency set by Sammy Baugh in 1945. Stabler's 14 straight completions was also the third-best effort of all time.

Stadium: **Oakland-Alameda County Coliseum (Grass; 54,041)** Colors: **Silver and Black**

THE COACHING STAFF

At 38, John Madden is the NFL's youngest head coach. He is also one of the winningest. He's won four AFC Western Division championships and was named coach of the year in 1969. Overall, his Raiders record is 47-16-7. Offensively, his assistants are Paul Roach, backfield; Tom Flores, receivers; and Ollie Spencer, line. On defense, Tom Dahms handles the line, Don Shinnick the linebackers, and Bob Zeman the backfield. Joe Scannella is also on the coaching staff. The trainer is George Anderson and the equipment manager is Richard Romanski.

1974 SCHEDULE

PRESEASON

Aug. 3	DALLAS	8:00
Aug. 10	vs. Atlanta at Berkeley, Calif.	1:00
Aug. 16	at Detroit	8:00
Aug. 24	PHILADELPHIA	8:00
Sept. 2	at San Francisco	6:00
Sept. 7	vs. N.Y. Jets at Berkeley, Calif.	1:00

REGULAR SEASON

Sept. 16	at Buffalo (Monday)	9:00
Sept. 22	KANSAS CITY	1:00
Sept. 29	at Pittsburgh	4:00
Oct. 6	at Cleveland	1:00
Oct. 13	SAN DIEGO	1:00
Oct. 20	CINCINNATI	1:00
Oct. 27	at San Francisco	1:00
Nov. 3	at Denver	2:00
Nov. 10	DETROIT	1:00
Nov. 17	at San Diego	1:00
Nov. 24	DENVER	1:00
Dec. 1	NEW ENGLAND	1:00
Dec. 8	at Kansas City	3:00
Dec. 14	DALLAS (Saturday)	6:00

1974 RAIDERS VETERAN ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Exp.	College	Games in 1973
27	Allen, Jackie (1)	S	6-1	190	26	5	Baylor	0
43	Atkinson, George	S	6-0	180	27	7	Morris Brown	14
40	Banaszak, Pete	RB	5-11	210	30	9	Miami	14
46	Bankston, Warren	TE	6-4	235	27	6	Tulane	11
25	Biletnikoff, Fred	WR	6-1	190	31	10	Florida State	14
16	Blanda, George	QB-K	6-2	215	46	25	Kentucky	14
21	Branch, Cliff	WR	5-11	170	26	3	Colorado	13
76	Brown, Bob	T	6-4	280	32	11	Nebraska	10
24	Brown, Willie	CB	6-1	195	33	12	Grambling	14
64	Buehler, George	G	6-2	260	27	6	Stanford	14
51	Carroll, Joe	LB	6-1	220	24	3	Pittsburgh	9
84	Cline, Tony	DE	6-3	244	26	5	Miami	14
55	Conners, Dan	LB	6-1	230	32	11	Miami	14
50	Dalby, Dave	C-G	6-2	240	23	3	UCLA	14
83	Davidson, Ben (2)	DE	6-8	280	34	12	Washington	0
28	Davis, Clarence	RB	5-10	195	25	4	USC	14
8	Guy, Ray	K	6-3	190	24	2	Southern Mississippi	14
36	Hudson, Bob	RB	5-11	205	25	3	Northeastern, Okla.	14
44	Hubbard, Marv	RB	6-1	225	28	6	Colgate	14
86	Irons, Gerald	LB	6-2	230	27	5	Md.-Eastern Shore	14
58	Johnson, Monte	LB	6-4	235	22	2	Nebraska	13
82	Jones, Horace	DE	6-3	255	25	4	Louisville	14
33	Kopay, Dave (3)	RB	6-0	218	32	11	Washington	0
71	Korver, Kelvin	DT	6-6	270	25	2	Northwestern, Iowa	14
3	Lamonica, Daryle	QB	6-3	215	33	12	Notre Dame	8
42	Maxwell, Tom	S	6-2	195	27	6	Texas A&M	8
88	Moore, Bob	TE	6-3	220	25	4	Stanford	14
00	Otto, Jim	C	6-2	255	36	15	Miami	14
47	Queen, Jeff	RB-TE	6-1	217	28	6	Morgan State	9
65	Seiler, Paul	C-T	6-4	260	28	6	Notre Dame	5
78	Shell, Art	T	6-5	265	27	7	Md.-Eastern Shore	14
49	Siani, Mike	WR	6-2	195	24	3	Villanova	14
60	Sistrunk, Otis	DT	6-4	255	26	3	None	14
77	Smith, Bubba	DE	6-7	265	28	7	Michigan State	14
23	Smith, Charlie	RB	6-0	205	28	7	Utah	14
12	Stabler, Ken	QB	6-3	215	28	5	Alabama	14
89	Sweeney, Steve	WR	6-3	205	23	2	California	14
32	Tatum, Jack	S	5-11	200	25	4	Ohio State	13
26	Thomas, Alonzo	CB-S	6-1	205	24	3	USC	14
80	Thoms, Art	DT	6-5	260	27	6	Syracuse	14
63	Upshaw, Gene	G	6-5	255	29	8	Texas A&I	14
75	Vella, John	T	6-4	255	24	3	USC	14
41	Villapiano, Phil	LB	6-2	222	25	4	Bowling Green	14
20	Warren, Jimmy	CB-S	5-11	175	35	11	Illinois	10
52	Weaver, Gary	LB	6-1	224	25	2	Fresno State	10
48	Wilson, Nemiah	CB	6-0	165	31	10	Grambling	13

(1) Missed entire 1973 season because of injury
(2) Last active with Oakland in 1971
(3) Last active with Green Bay in 1972

TOP DRAFT CHOICES

Round	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Exp.	College
1	Lawrence, Henry	T	6-3	255	22	R	Florida A&M
2	Casper, Dave	TE	6-3	240	22	R	Notre Dame
3a	van Eeghen, Mark	RB	6-1	215	22	R	Colgate
4	Bradshaw, Morris	RB	6-0	198	21	R	Ohio State
5	Wessel, Pete	DB	6-1	190	22	R	Northwestern

1973 LEADERS

Rushing (yards)	Marv Hubbard 903
Passing (percentage)	Ken Stabler 62.7
Passing (yards)	Ken Stabler 1,997
Passing (touchdowns)	Ken Stabler 14
Receiving (number)	Fred Biletnikoff 48
Receiving (yards)	Mike Siani 742
Interceptions (number)	George Atkinson, Willie Brown, and Nemiah Wilson 3
Punting (average)	Ray Guy 45.3
Punt Returns (average)	George Atkinson 8.2
Kickoff Returns (average)	Clarence Davis 26.5
Field Goals	George Blanda 23
Touchdowns	Marv Hubbard 6
Points	George Blanda 100

RECENT TRADES

None

Gerald Irons (top) and friends corral Terry Metcalf of the Cardinals.

The 9-4-1 Season of 1973

SEPT. 16 Raiders built 16-10 lead on Atkinson touchdown and Blanda field goals before Vikings rallied. *Minnesota 24, Oakland 16.*

SEPT. 23 Raiders put end to Dolphins 18-game winning streak behind defense and four Blanda field goals. *Oakland 12, Miami 7.*

SEPT. 30 Raiders held without touchdown through 10 straight quarters as Chiefs defense prevailed. *Kansas City 16, Oakland 3.*

OCT. 7 Touchdown drought reached 12 quarters, but Raiders rallied for pair of scores in second half. *Oakland 17, St. Louis 10.*

OCT. 14 Raiders overcame 17-13 lead on Hubbard touchdown and Stabler-to-Moore touchdown pass. *Oakland 27, San Diego 17.*

OCT. 22 Blanda gave Raiders 23-20 lead on field goal with 33 seconds left, but Turner tied game at 0:03. *Oakland 23, Denver 23.*

OCT. 28 Stabler completed 25 of 29 passes, new NFL accuracy record, for 304 yards, two touchdowns. *Oakland 34, Baltimore 21.*

NOV. 4 Stabler threw two touchdown passes, Hubbard ran for two more in humiliation of Giants. *Oakland 42, New York Giants 0.*

NOV. 11 Errors dominated contest played in mud; two Raiders field goals, one PAT were mishandled. *Pittsburgh 17, Oakland 9.*

NOV. 18 Raiders lost second straight to AFC Central opponent when only offense was Blanda field goal. *Cleveland 7, Oakland 3.*

NOV. 25 Raiders converted three Chargers errors into 21 points; Stabler threw two touchdown passes. *Oakland 31, San Diego 3.*

DEC. 2 Lethargic Raiders woke up in fourth quarter against Oilers on Stabler-to-Biletnikoff touchdown. *Oakland 17, Houston 6.*

DEC. 8 In best seasonal performance, Raiders thoroughly outmuscled Chiefs, yielded 24 yards rushing. *Oakland 37, Kansas City 7.*

DEC. 16 After Broncos fake punt failed, Raiders took commanding 21-10 lead in AFC West title showdown. *Oakland 21, Denver 17.*

RAIDERS RECORDS

SCORING

Most Points
Lifetime – 703, George Blanda
Season – 117, George Blanda, 1968
Game – 24, Art Powell vs. Houston, Dec. 22, 1963

Most Touchdowns
Lifetime – 54, Clem Daniels
Fred Biletnikoff
Season – 16, Art Powell, 1963
Game – 4, Art Powell vs, Houston, Dec. 22, 1963

Most Points After Touchdown Made
Lifetime – 307, George Blanda
Season – 56, George Blanda, 1967
Game – 7, Mike Mercer vs. New York, Oct. 22, 1963
Mike Mercer vs. Houston, Dec. 22, 1963

Most Field Goals Made
Lifetime – 132, George Blanda
Season – 23, George Blanda, 1973
Game – 4, Mike Mercer vs. Houston, Nov. 7, 1965
George Blanda vs. Houston, Dec. 10, 1967
George Blanda vs. Denver, Dec. 8, 1968
George Blanda vs. Miami, Sept. 23, 1973

Longest Field Goal
54, George Fleming vs. Denver, Oct. 1, 1961

RUSHING

Most Attempts
Lifetime – 1,133, Clem Daniels
Season – 219, Clem Daniels, 1965
Marv Hubbard, 1972
Game – 31, Clem Daniels vs. Kansas City, Nov. 8, 1963

Most Yards Gained
Lifetime – 5,103, Clem Daniels
Season – 1,100, Marv Hubbard, 1972
Game – 200, Clem Daniels vs. New York, Oct. 20, 1963

Most Games, 100 or More Yards
Lifetime – 15, Clem Daniels
Season – 4, Clem Daniels, 1963 and 1965

Longest Run From Scrimmage
87, Jack Larscheid vs. Boston, Oct. 16, 1960

Passing

Most Passes Attempted
Lifetime – 2,239, Daryle Lamonica
Season – 426, Daryle Lamonica, 1969
Game – 45, Cotton Davidson vs. San Diego, Now. 1, 1964

Most Passes Completed
Lifetime – 1,135, Daryle Lamonica
Season – 221, Daryle Lamonica, 1969
Game – 25, Ken Stabler vs. Baltimore, Oct. 28, 1973

Most Yards Gained
Lifetime – 16,620, Daryle Lamonica
Season – 3,302, Darlye Lamonica, 1969
Game – 427, Cotton Davidson vs. Denver, Oct. 25, 1964

Longest Pass Completion
94, George Blanda to Warren Wells vs. Denver, Nov. 10, 1968

Most Touchdown Passes
Lifetime – 147, Daryle Lamonica
Season – 34, Daryle Lamonica, 1969
Game – 6, Tom Flores vs. Houston, Dec. 22, 1963
Daryle Lamonica vs. Buffalo, Oct. 19, 1969

PASS RECEPTIONS

Most Pass Receptions
Lifetime – 408, Fred Biletnikoff
Season – 76, Art Powell, 1964
Game – 11, Art Powell vs. Boston, Oct. 8, 1965

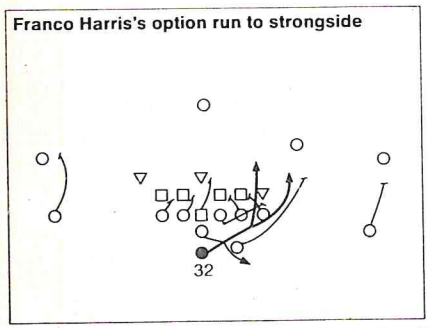
Most Yards Gained
Lifetime – 6,152, Fred Biletnikoff
Season – 1,361, Art Powell, 1964
Game – 247, Art Powell vs. Houston, Dec. 22, 1963

Most Touchdown Passes
Lifetime – 53, Fred Biletnikoff
Season – 16, Art Powell, 1963
Game – 4, Art Powell vs. Houston, Dec. 22, 1963

INTERCEPTIONS

Most Interceptions By
Lifetime – 29, Dave Grayson
Season – 10, Tommy Morrow, 1962
Game – 3, Tommy Morrow vs. Houston, Sept. 7, 1963
Dave Grayson vs. San Diego, Oct. 26, 1969
Willie Brown vs. Los Angeles, Oct. 29, 1972

Longest Return
91, Fred Williamson vs. San Diego, touchdown, Sept. 30, 1962



Franco Harris's option run to strongside

They have this recurring, off-season dream in Pittsburgh. One day a quarterback is going to come out who'll look and throw like Terry Bradshaw and think and react like Terry Hanratty. Passes will spiral 60 yards in the air. Perfect plays will be called on every third-and-nine. And the Steelers and their fans will live happily ever after in the next two or three Super Bowls.

Unfortunately, September rolls around and reality sets in. And what the Steelers really have is Bradshaw with that "aw shucks" smile and that cannon for an arm but also with that disturbing flair for the erratic. Then there's Hanratty, with passes that wobble and bones that crack but with a certain poise and presence that belies his scarecrow appearance.

Somewhere amid that confusing assortment of strengths and weaknesses, Chuck Noll, the coach of this young, talented team, must find the right combination.

His success or failure could dictate the immediate future of one of the National Football League's most promising teams.

The Steelers, who seemed so close to going all the way the year before, could only squeeze into the playoffs as the wild card team this time. And in the first round, Oakland's smooth Raiders shuffled right through them 33-14. At the end, not only was the

Franco Harris elbows his way through the St. Louis Cardinals.

Quarterback Terry Bradshaw

Linebacker Henry Davis

Safety Mike Wagner

Wide Receiver Ron Shanklin

offense sputtering but the defense, that famous, overpowering defense, suddenly turned almost docile.

For things to change in 1974, Mean Joe Greene and his menacing friends will have to regain their dominant role. Greene, one of the best defensive tackles in football, is the star of what some consider the NFL's top front four. Ernie Holmes works the other tackle, with L. C. Greenwood and Dwight White at the ends. All four of them are all-pro caliber.

The linebackers, almost as good two years ago, fell off some last season. Andy Russell was bothered by a severe groin pull. And Henry Davis, the middle linebacker, didn't have as good a year. Only Jack Ham, the young hitter from Penn State, was consistent.

The only new starter on the team will be at one cornerback. James Thomas, the number one draft pick in 1973, will take over from John Rowser, who was traded to Denver. Mel Blount will start at the opposite corner, with more man-to-man coverages likely now that Rowser is gone. The safeties, Mike Wagner and Glen Edwards, are two of the best in the business.

Offensively, there is hope a new home-run dimension will be added by Lynn Swann, the number one

draft choice from USC. Swann, a gifted wide receiver, will also be utilized as a kick runner. Ron Shanklin and Frank Lewis, both of whom have the speed to go deep, offer further bomb threats. Shanklin, in fact, caught 10 touchdown passes in 1973.

The tight end position is wide open. The leading candidates are John McMakin, who didn't play up to his rookie year of 1972, and Larry Brown, who wasn't the answer, either. Scott Garske, a 230-pound seventh round draft pick, could be a sleeper.

The blockers? When they're healthy, they get the job done. Strong Jon Kolb keeps improving at one tackle, while the veteran Glen Ray Hines is the likely starter on the other side. Bruce Van Dyke and Sam Davis are good guards but it would be nice if they could play together a full season. Ray Mansfield and Jim Clack will continue to alternate at center.

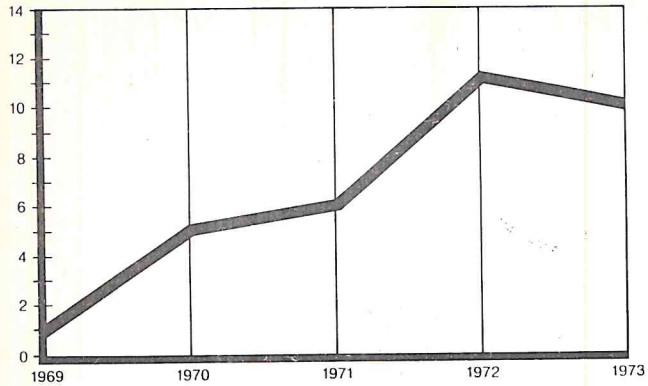
Bradshaw must still be considered the quarterback. But Noll is talking as if he intends to give Hanratty more and more opportunities. And flashy Joe Gilliam has had his moments, too. There are those, in fact, who think Gilliam is the Pittsburgh passer of the future.

Franco Harris was a good back last year. But he was slowed by injuries. As a rookie, he looked like the new Jim Brown. The Steelers hope the resemblence returns this season. For a running mate, Harris may have either Preston Pearson, John Fuqua, or Steve Davis. The most intriguing is Davis, whose potential almost matches Franco's.

The Pittsburgh placekicking is beyond reproach with Roy Gerela, who led the American Football Conference in scoring with 123 points. But the punting may need nelp unless Bobby Walden, now 36, can come back from an off year (41.1 average).

In another, less competitive division, perhaps, Pittsburgh might be a perennial playoff team. But in the tough AFC Central, it isn't that easy. Cincinnati keeps getting better and Cleveland is always in the thick of things.

The Steelers would like Bradshaw or Hanratty or



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somebody to take hold of this team and shake out all the loose ends. They'd like to have one leader, someone they could count on in the clutch.

Someone they can build some real dreams on.

NOTES—Pittsburgh might have a schedule advantage over Cincinnati. Only four of the Steelers' eight nondivision opponents had winning records last year ...Harris, who missed two games and parts of three others, still wound up with 698 yards rushing .... Mansfield, the iron-man center, now has appeared in 154 straight games...Number two draft choice Jack Lambert (6-foot 3-inches, 215 pounds) from Kent State, will be asked to put on some weight before making his challenge at middle linebacker . . . The Steelers were fourth in the NFL in total defense, but only fifteenth in total offense . . . Loren Toews, who was a sensation at training camp, played a lot as a rookie, filling in for linebacker Russell in passing situations . . . George Webster, the former all-pro linebacker, is another capable Pittsburgh reserve . . . Jimmy Allen, the number four draft pick from UCLA, is expected to become a top cornerback.

Stadium: **Three Rivers Stadium (Tartan Turf; 50,350)** Colors: **Black and Gold**

THE COACHING STAFF

Chuck Noll has helped turn Pittsburgh's franchise into one of the most successful in the National Football League in just five years. The Steelers were 1-13 in his first year. The past two seasons, their overall record is 21-7. They won the Central Division championship in 1973 and made the playoffs last year as the wild card team. Noll's coaching staff has Bud Carson as defensive coordinator and also coach of defensive backs, George Perles working with the defensive line, and Robert Widenhofer the linebackers. On offense, Dick Hoak coaches the backfield, Dan Radakovich the line, and Lionel Taylor the receivers. The trainer is Ralph Berlin and the equipment manager is Anthony Parisi.

1974 SCHEDULE

PRESEASON

Aug. 3	at New Orleans	8:00
Aug. 12	CHICAGO	8:00
Aug. 16	at Philadelphia	8:00
Aug. 24	NEW YORK GIANTS	8:00
Aug. 30	at Washington	9:00
Sept. 5	at Dallas	8:00

REGULAR SEASON

Sept. 15	BALTIMORE	1:00
Sept. 22	at Denver	2:00
Sept. 29	OAKLAND	4:00
Oct. 6	at Houston	1:00
Oct. 13	at Kansas City	1:00
Oct. 20	CLEVELAND	1:00
Oct. 28	ATLANTA (Monday)	9:00
Nov. 3	PHILADELPHIA	1:00
Nov. 10	at Cincinnati	4:00
Nov. 17	at Cleveland	1:00
Nov. 25	at New Orleans (Monday)	8:00
Dec. 1	HOUSTON	1:00
Dec. 8	at New England	1:00
Dec. 14	CINCINNATI (Saturday)	1:00

1974 STEELERS VETERAN ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Exp.	College	Games in 1973
20	Bleier, Rocky	RB	5-11	210	28	6	Notre Dame	12
47	Blount, Mel	CB	6-3	205	26	5	Southern	14
38	Bradley, Ed	LB	6-2	239	24	3	Wake Forest	14
12	Bradshaw, Terry	QB	6-3	218	25	5	Louisiana Tech	10
87	Brown, Larry	TE	6-4	229	25	4	Kansas	14
50	Clack, Jim	C	6-3	250	26	4	Wake Forest	12
85	Davis, Dave	WR	6-0	175	26	4	Tennessee State	2
53	Davis, Henry	LB	6-3	235	31	7	Grambling	14
57	Davis, Sam	G	6-1	255	30	8	Allen	12
35	Davis, Steve	RB	6-1	218	24	3	Delaware State	14
82	Dicus, Chuck (1)	WR	6-0	175	25	3	Arkansas	0
29	Dockery, John	CB	6-0	185	29	7	Harvard	10
27	Edwards, Glen	S	6-0	185	27	4	Florida A&M	14
33	Fuqua, John	RB	5-11	205	27	6	Morgan State	11
64	Furness, Steve	DT-DE	6-4	255	23	3	Rhode Island	6
10	Gerela, Roy	K	5-10	185	26	6	New Mexico State	14
17	Gilliam, Joe	QB	6-2	187	23	3	Tennessee State	5
71	Gravelle, Gordon	T	6-5	250	25	3	Brigham Young	6
75	Greene, Joe	DT	6-4	275	27	6	North Texas State	14
68	Greenwood, L.C.	DE	6-6	245	27	6	Arkansas AM&N	14
59	Ham, Jack	LB	6-1	225	25	4	Penn State	13
67	Hanneman, Craig	DT	6-3	240	25	3	Oregon State	14
5	Hanratty, Terry	QB	6-1	210	26	6	Notre Dame	9
32	Harris, Franco	RB	6-2	230	24	3	Penn State	12
76	Hines, Glen Ray	T	6-5	265	30	9	Arkansas	14
63	Holmes, Ernie	DT	6-3	260	26	3	Texas Southern	14
77	Holmes, Mel	G	6-3	251	24	4	North Carolina A&T	1
74	Keating, Tom	DT	6-2	247	31	11	Michigan	12
55	Kolb, Jon	T	6-3	262	27	6	Oklahoma State	14
43	Lewis, Frank	WR	6-1	196	27	4	Grambling	9
56	Mansfield, Ray	C	6-3	260	33	12	Washington	14
89	McMakin, John	TE	6-3	232	23	3	Clemson	14
41	Meyer, Dennis	S	5-11	186	24	2	Arkansas	11
72	Mullins, Gerry	G-T	6-3	244	25	4	USC	13
83	Pearson, Barry	WR	5-11	185	24	3	Northwestern	14
26	Pearson, Preston	RB	6-1	205	29	8	Illinois	14
34	Russell, Andy	LB	6-2	225	32	10	Missouri	14
86	Scolnik, Glenn	WR	6-3	190	23	2	Indiana	1
25	Shanklin, Ron	WR	6-1	190	26	5	North Texas State	13
24	Thomas, James	CB-S	6-2	196	23	2	Florida State	14
51	Toews, Loren	LB	6-3	212	22	2	California	14
66	Van Dyke, Bruce	G	6-2	255	30	9	Missouri	14
23	Wagner, Mike	S	6-1	210	25	4	Western Illinois	14
39	Walden, Bobby	P	6-0	190	36	11	Georgia	14
90	Webster, George	LB	6-4	220	28	8	Michigan State	12
78	White, Dwight	DE	6-4	255	25	3	East Texas State	14

(1) Active for 1 game in 1973 but did not play

TOP DRAFT CHOICES

Round	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Exp.	College
1	Swann, Lynn	WR	5-11	178	21	R	USC
2	Lambert, Jack	LB	6-3	215	21	R	Kent State
4	Stallworth, John	WR	6-2	183	22	R	Alabama A&M
4a	Allen, Jim	DB	6-2	194	21	R	UCLA
5	Webster, Mike	C	6-2	232	21	R	Wisconsin

1973 LEADERS

Rushing (yards)	Franco Harris	698
Passing (percentage)	Terry Bradshaw	49.4
Passing (yards)	Terry Bradshaw	1,183
Passing (touchdowns)	Terry Bradshaw	10
Receiving (number)	Ron Shanklin	30
Receiving (yards)	Ron Shanklin	711
Interceptions (number)	Mike Wagner	8
Punting (average)	Bobby Walden	41.1
Punt Returns (average)	Glen Edwards	9.9
Kickoff Returns (average)	Steve Davis	26.9
Field Goals	Roy Gerela	29
Touchdowns	Ron Shanklin	10
Points	Roy Gerela	123

RECENT TRADES

Cornerback John Rowser to Denver for Cleveland's sixth round choice, held by Denver, and Denver's ninth round choice.

Andy Russell was one of the Steelers' stars slowed by injury.

The 10-4-0 Season of 1973

SEPT. 16 Bradshaw threw fourth-quarter touchdowns to McMakin and Shanklin to break 10-10 tie. *Pittsburgh 24, Detroit 10.*

SEPT. 23 Steelers held Browns without touchdown in Three Rivers Stadium for fourth straight year. *Pittsburgh 33, Cleveland 6.*

SEPT. 30 Oilers held 7-6 halftime lead before Russell and Edwards intercepted for touchdowns. *Pittsburgh 36, Houston 7.*

OCT. 7 Steelers exploded for 38 first-half points; fourth win in row was club record. *Pittsburgh 38, San Diego 21.*

OCT. 14 Muhlmann's four field goals, Clark's 112 yards on ground brought Steelers win streak to end. *Cincinnati 19, Pittsburgh 7.*

OCT. 21 Hanratty-to-Shanklin touchdown, Harris scoring run overcame fourth-quarter Jets lead. *Pittsburgh 26, New York Jets 14.*

OCT. 28 After replacing Bradshaw, Hanratty threw 51-yard touchdown to Shanklin on first attempt. *Pittsburgh 20, Cincinnati 13.*

NOV. 5 Redskins' Brown fumbled on one-inch line, and Steelers eventually recovered to save victory. *Pittsburgh 21, Washington 16.*

NOV. 11 Defensive end White intercepted two passes in one quarter and set up Steelers' first score. *Pittsburgh 17, Oakland 9.*

NOV. 18 Broncos ended Steelers 13-game Three Rivers Stadium winning streak on Turner field goals. *Denver 23, Pittsburgh 13.*

NOV. 25 Pruitt ran 19 yards for winning touchdown with 1:01 left to give Browns comeback win. *Cleveland 21, Pittsburgh 16.*

DEC. 3 After Dolphins opened 30-3 halftime lead, Steelers desperate rally fell short on Monday night TV. *Miami 30, Pittsburgh 26.*

DEC. 9 Bradshaw returned as starter with two touchdown passes, Gerela kicked four field goals. *Pittsburgh 33, Houston 7.*

DEC. 15 Steelers won AFC wild card playoff berth; Rowser returned interception for score. *Pittsburgh 37, San Francisco 14.*

STEELERS RECORDS

SCORING

Most Points
Lifetime—320, Roy Gerela
Season—123, Roy Gerela, 1973
Game—24, Roy Jefferson vs. Atlanta, Nov. 3, 1968
Ray Mathews vs. Cleveland, Oct. 17, 1954

Most Touchdowns
Lifetime—42, Ray Mathews
Season—12, Roy Jefferson, 1968
Buddy Dial, 1961
Game—4, Ray Mathews vs. Cleveland, Oct. 17, 1954
Roy Jefferson vs. Atlanta, Nov. 3, 1968

Most Points After Touchdown Made
Lifetime—116, Mike Clark
Season—36, Roy Gerela, 1973
Game—8, Gary Kerkorian vs. N. Y. Giants, Nov. 30, 1952

Most Field Goals Made
Lifetime—74, Roy Gerela
Season—29, Roy Gerela, 1973
Game—4, Lou Michaels vs. Philadelphia, Dec. 9, 1962
Roy Gerela vs. Cleveland, Nov. 7, 1972
Roy Gerela vs. New England, Oct. 22, 1972
Roy Gerela vs. Cleveland, Sept. 23, 1973
Roy Gerela vs. Houston, Dec. 9, 1973

Longest Field Goal
51, Lou Michaels vs. Philadelphia, Sept. 15, 1963

RUSHING

Most Attempts
Lifetime—1,132, Dick Hoak
Season—251, John Henry Johnson, 1962
Game—30, John Henry Johnson vs. Cleveland, Oct. 10, 1964
John Fuqua vs. Cleveland, Nov. 7, 1971

Most Yards Gained
Lifetime—4,383, John Henry Johnson
Season—1,141, John Henry Johnson, 1962
Game—218, John Fuqua vs. Philadelphia, Dec. 20, 1970

Most Games, 100 or More Yards
Lifetime—15, John Henry Johnson, 1960-65
Season—7, Franco Harris, 1972

Longest Run From Scrimmage
97, Bobby Gage vs. Chi. Bears, Dec. 4, 1949

PASSING

Most Passes Attempted
Lifetime—1,382, Jim Finks
Season—373, Terry Bradshaw, 1971
Game—49, Jim Finks vs. Chi. Cardinals, Nov. 5, 1955
Bobby Layne vs. Chi. Cardinals, Dec. 13, 1958

Most Passes Completed
Lifetime—661, Jim Finks
Season—203, Terry Bradshaw, 1971
Game—28, Kent Nix vs. Dallas, Oct. 22, 1967

Most Yards Gained
Lifetime—8,983, Bobby Layne
Season—2,982, Ed Brown, 1963
Game—409, Bobby Layne vs. Chi. Cardinals, Dec. 13, 1958

Longest Pass Completion
88, Rudy Bukich to Buddy Dial vs. Cleveland, Oct. 22, 1961

Most Touchdown Passes
Lifetime—67, Bobby Layne
Season—21, Ed Brown, 1963
Game—4, Jim Finks vs. Cleveland, Nov. 16, 1952
Jim Finks vs. N. Y. Giants, Nov. 30, 1952
Jim Finks vs. Cleveland, Oct. 17, 1954
Ed Brown vs. Dallas, Oct. 27, 1963
Dick Shiner vs. San Francisco, Nov. 24, 1968

PASS RECEPTIONS

Most Pass Receptions
Lifetime—329, Elbie Nickel
Season—67, Roy Jefferson, 1969
Game—12, J.R. Wilburn vs. Dallas, Oct. 22, 1967

Most Yards Gained
Lifetime—5,133, Elbie Nickel
Season—1,295, Buddy Dial, 1963
Game—235, Buddy Dial vs. Cleveland, Oct. 22, 1961

Most Touchdown Passes
Lifetime—42, Buddy Dial
Season—12, Buddy Dial, 1961
Game—4, Roy Jefferson vs. Atlanta, Nov. 3, 1968

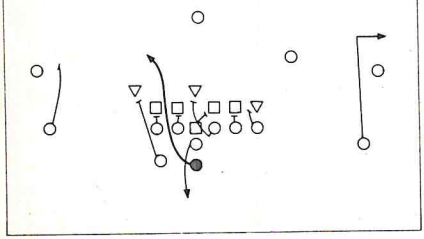
INTERCEPTIONS

Most Interceptions By
Lifetime—52, Jack Butler
Season—10, Bill Dudley, 1946
Howard Hartley, 1951
Jack Butler, 1957
Game—4, Jack Butler vs. Washington, Dec. 13, 1953

Longest Return
99, Martin Kottler vs. Chi. Cardinals, Sept. 27, 1933

SAN DIEGO CHARGERS

Chargers weakside run for fullback



He is a man consumed by numbers and charts and ratings. A world-class bridge player who is fascinated with chess, Tommy Prothro spends most of his waking hours dealing with problems and their solutions. All of which seems very convenient, because as the new head coach in San Diego, he has inherited some of the biggest problems in the National Football League.

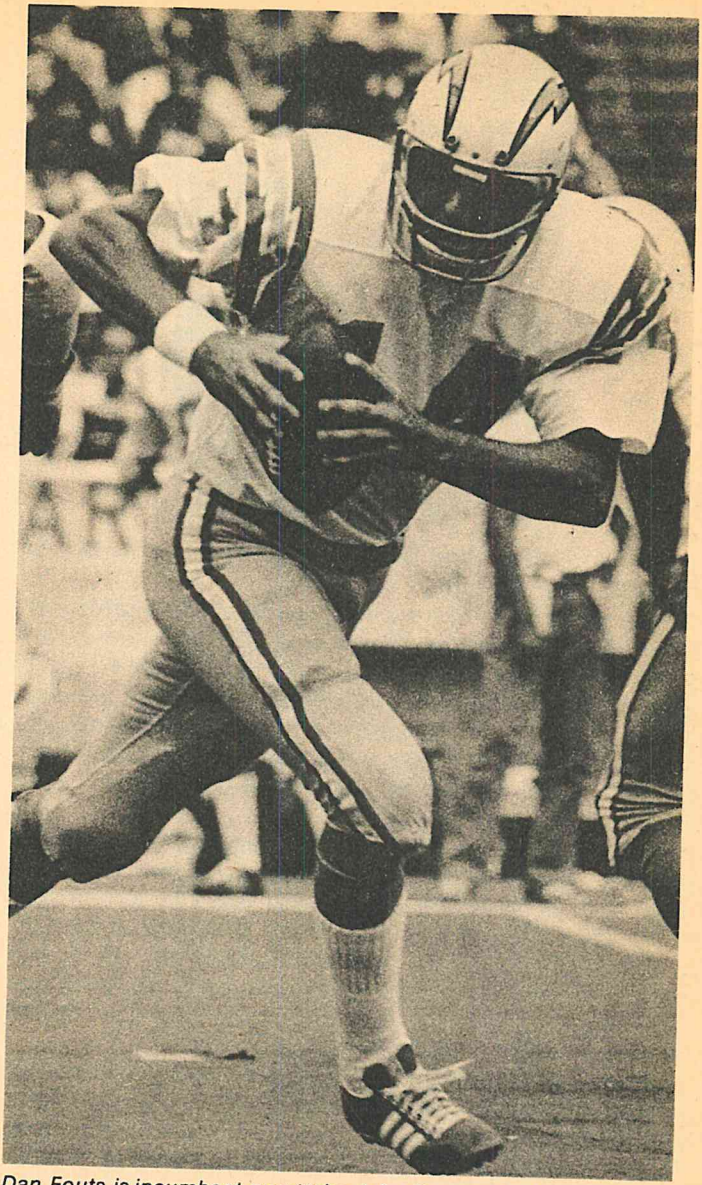
The Chargers must try to recover from their worst season in history. They not only finished 1973 with a 2-11-1 record, they appeared demoralized, both physically and mentally.

Now they'll attempt to bounce back with a question mark at quarterback, a gaping hole in the offensive line, and a disjointed, aged defense.

Yet, if anyone can turn this franchise around, it's Prothro, a gambler who has been known to hit his share of longshots.

He started by drafting a good-looking crop of rookies, most of them for the offense. And, before 1974 gets too far along, he is expected to completely refurbish a defensive unit that was among the five poorest in the NFL.

He is not without his share of quality athletes, either. Russ Washington, the team's most valuable player, is developing into an overpowering offensive tackle. Gary Garrison is still one of the AFC's finest receivers. Cid Edwards, when he's healthy, is a solid



Dan Fouts is incumbent quarterback for Tommy Prothro's team.

Wide Receiver Gary Garrison

Defensive End Pete Lazetich

Cornerback Leonard Dunlap

Guard Doug Wilkerson

all-around back. And Dan Fouts is a young passer of considerable potential.

Then there are the rookies, such as Bo Matthews, Don Goode, Harrison Davis, and Jesse Freitas. Matthews, Prothro says, is the best rookie athlete he's ever had. And in his two years in Los Angeles, he was blessed with some good ones. Goode is a promising linebacker. Davis might be a starting receiver. And Freitas is the hometown boy from San Diego State who throws pretty passes.

Then, of course, there is the legend who will be back at quarterback. John Unitas, who will be 41, is expected to return for the second year of his reported $500,000 contract. Last fall, in his first appearance in a San Diego uniform, he looked every one of his 40 years. He was hounded by injuries and rendered ineffective for most of the season. Where he fits in among Prothro's 1974 plans is uncertain.

Fouts, the rookie from Oregon, flashed enough ability to warrant further inspection. In fact, at this point, he appears the likely starter. Freitas, who will have his own fan club in San Diego Stadium, could be a surprise.

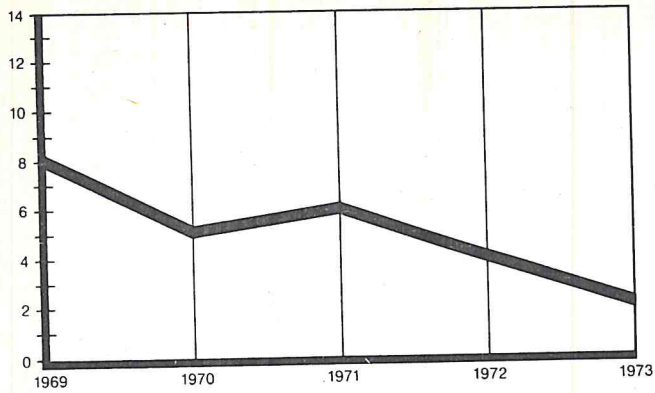
Edwards, who ran for 609 yards, probably will be joined in the regular backfield by Matthews, number one, 230-pound choice from Colorado who earned his reputation in college more as a blocker than a runner. Mike Garrett, who ran for 1,000 yards in 1972, is also available, along with Robert Holmes, Clint Jones, newly acquired Reece Morrison, and Bill Rudder, another rookie.

One receiver will be Garrison, who should regain his stature as a big-play performer in the Prothro system. Davis, who played quarterback and wide receiver at Virginia, will challenge Jerry LeVias and perhaps Willie McGee on the other side. Pettis Norman is a good blocking tight end, and young James Thaxton has enormous ability if he can learn to harness it. Hustling Gary Parris and rookie Dave Grannell could figure in the tight end competition, too.

The hole up front on offense was created by the departure of former all-pro Walt Sweeney, the colorful guard who was traded to Washington. Mark Markovich, the number two draft choice who was Heisman trophy winner John Cappelletti's favorite blocker, will get first crack at the job. The other guard is improving Doug Wilkerson. Washington, one of the best in the NFL, teams with talented Terry Owens at the tackles, with hustling Carl Mauck at center.

Defensively, it doesn't look as good. Age has crept up on such one-time stars as Deacon Jones, Dave Costa, and Lionel Aldridge. Coy Bacon, who was tried unsuccessfully at tackle, will move back to end, where he starred for Prothro with the Rams. Pete Lazetich, who has been shifted around in his first two years, may settle down at the other end. There are plenty of candidates at tackle, including Greg Wojcik, Costa, Cal Snowden, Dennis Wirgowski, and rookie John Teerlinck, the number five pick from Western Illinois.

The middle linebacker position is wide open. Tim Rossovich and Carl Gersbach divided time a year ago. Goode, a first round pick from Kansas, may start as one outside linebacker. Mel Rogers and Floyd Rice, both of whom demonstrated ability late in the



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year, will compete on the other side, along with Gersbach, Mike Stratton, and perhaps Ray White.

The secondary has experience and talent, if not stability. Joe Beauchamp and Chris Fletcher are good free safeties and Len Dunlap, Bobby Howard, and McGee have the tools to become solid cornerbacks. A replacement must be found for strong safety Bryant Salter, traded to Washington.

The punting is good with Dennis Partee, who might also regain his old job as placekicker. The Chargers' field goal production was the poorest in the NFL last year.

Prothro, who insists he enjoys challenges, certainly has one with the Chargers. He hasn't promised any miracles but he thinks he can help improve this football team. He feels he can make things competitive again.

And in San Diego, that alone would be a refreshing change.

NOTES—Ron Smith, who led the league in punt returns, probably will be the main kick runner again . . . Unitas finished the season with just 34 completions for 471 yards and a 44.7 completion percentage passing.

Stadium: **San Diego Stadium (Grass; 52,172)** Colors: **Blue, Yellow, and White**

THE COACHING STAFF

After a year away from football, Tommy Prothro returns to San Diego to take over the Chargers. One of the most respected coaches in college football while he was at Oregon State and UCLA, his college teams compiled an overall 104-55-5 record. He became head coach of the Los Angeles Rams in 1971 and in two years he won 14, lost 12 and tied one. His San Diego assistants on offense include coordinator John David Crow, Earnel Durden, who will handle the backs, and Bobb McKittrick and Howard Mudd, who will both coach the line. On defense, his coordinator is Jackie Simpson. Rudy Feldman will be in charge of the line, George Dickson the linebackers, and Willie Wood the backfield. Ric McDonald is the trainer and Sid Brooks is the equipment manager.

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1974 CHARGERS VETERAN ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Exp.	College	Games in 1973
87	Aldridge, Lionel	DE	6-3	254	33	12	Utah State	10
79	Bacon, Coy	DE	6-4	270	31	7	Jackson State	12
40	Beauchamp, Joe	S	6-0	188	30	9	Iowa State	9
45	Berry, Reggie	S	5-11	185	25	3	Cal State-Long Beach	8
64	Costa, Dave	DT	6-1	250	32	12	Utah	14
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37	Edwards, Cid	RB	6-3	230	30	7	Tennessee State	13
44	Fletcher, Chris	S	5-10	182	25	5	Temple	9
14	Fouts, Dan	QB	6-3	193	23	2	Oregon	10
20	Garrett, Mike	RB	5-9	191	30	9	USC	10
27	Garrison, Gary	WR	6-1	195	30	9	San Diego State	7
54	Gersbach, Carl	LB	6-1	230	27	5	West Chester State	14
69	Gordon, Ira	T	6-3	278	27	5	Kansas State	6
81	Holliday, Ron	WR	5-9	168	26	2	Pittsburgh	11
38	Holmes, Robert	RB	5-10	215	28	7	Southern U.	13
24	Howard, Bob	CB	6-2	177	29	8	San Diego State	13
26	Jones, Clint	RB	6-0	205	29	8	Michigan State	12
75	Jones, Deacon	DE	6-5	257	35	13	South Carolina State	12
51	Lazetich, Pete	DE	6-3	238	24	3	Stanford	12
25	LeVias, Jerry	WR	5-9	177	28	6	Southern Methodist	14
55	Mauck, Carl	C	6-4	243	27	6	Southern Illinois	14
28	McGee, Willie	CB	5-11	178	24	2	Alcorn A&M	11
33	Morrison, Reece (1)	RB	6-0	207	29	7	Southwest Texas State	3
88	Norman, Pettis	TE	6-3	222	34	13	Johnson C. Smith	14
26	Oliver, Clancy (2)	CB	6-1	184	26	3	San Diego State	0
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63	Wilkerson, Doug	G	6-3	256	27	5	North Carolina State	14
72	Wirgowski, Dennis (4)	DE-DT	6-5	257	27	5	Purdue	13
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(1) Played 3 games with Cincinnati in 1973
(2) Missed entire 1973 season because of injury
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(4) Played 13 games with Philadelphia in 1973

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Passing (yards)	Dan Fouts	1,126
Passing (touchdowns)	Dan Fouts	6
Receiving (number)	Jerry LeVias	30
Receiving (yards)	Jerry LeVias	536
Interceptions (number)	Bob Howard	5
Punting (average)	Dennis Partee	41.1
Punt Returns (average)	Ron Smith	13.0
Kickoff Returns (average)	Ron Smith	26.3
Field Goals	Ray Wersching	11
Touchdowns	Robert Holmes	7
Points	Ray Wersching	48

RECENT TRADES

Guard Walt Sweeney to Washington for Houston's fifth round choice in the 1974 draft, New England's sixth round choice in 1975 (both held by Washington), and Washington's own fourth round choice in 1976.

A draft choice to Philadelphia for defensive end Dennis Wirgowski.

Purchased running back Reece Morrison from Cincinnati.

Defensive back Bryant Salter to Washington for the Redskins' second round draft choice in 1976, and their second and fourth round choices in 1977.

Ron Smith holds professional record for kickoff return yardage.

The 2-11-1 Season of 1973

SEPT. 16 Redskins converted three fumbles into touchdowns and intercepted three passes. *Washington 38, San Diego 0.*

SEPT. 23 Chargers contained Simpson; Unitas threw two touchdowns, Smith returned punt for score. *San Diego 34, Buffalo 7.*

SEPT. 30 Veteran Unitas passed 40,000 career passing yards with 30-yard first-quarter pass to Garrett. *Cincinnati 20, San Diego 13.*

OCT. 7 Steelers jumped all over hapless Chargers, converting turnovers into 38 points. *Pittsburgh 38, San Diego 21.*

OCT. 14 Making his first start as pro QB, Fouts threw touchdown passes to Thaxton and LeVias. *Oakland 27, San Diego 17.*

OCT. 21 Atlanta handed Chargers worst shutout defeat in team's 14-year history before unhappy home fans. *Atlanta 41, San Diego 0.*

OCT. 28 Wersching's 16-yard field goal gave Chargers tie in muddy, dreary contest played in rain. *San Diego 16, Cleveland 16.*

NOV. 4 Chiefs administered third shutout defeat of year to Chargers; Svare bowed out as coach. *Kansas City 19, San Diego 0.*

NOV. 11 Broncos spoiled interim coach Waller's debut behind Little's running and Johnson's passing. *Denver 30, San Diego 19.*

NOV. 18 Smith ran 84 yards on punt return and Howard set up winning score with interception. *San Diego 17, New Orleans 14.*

NOV. 25 Three fumbles—two by Holmes—paved way for three touchdowns in Raiders runaway. *Oakland 31, San Diego 3.*

DEC. 2 Plunkett passed to Vataha for one touchdown and scored two others on short runs. *New England 30, San Diego 14.*

DEC. 9 Broncos kept AFC West playoff hopes alive and clinched winning season at Chargers expense. *Denver 42, San Diego 28.*

DEC. 16 Chargers turnovers gave Chiefs 20 first-half points; Stenerud kicked four field goals. *Kansas City 33, San Diego 6.*

CHARGERS RECORDS

SCORING

Most Points
Lifetime – 500, Lance Alworth
Season – 106, Dennis Partee, 1968
Game – 24, Lance Alworth vs. Denver, Dec. 1, 1968

Most Touchdowns
Lifetime – 83, Lance Alworth
Season – 15, Lance Alworth, 1964
Game – 4, Lance Alworth vs. Denver, Dec. 1, 1968

Most Points After Touchdown Made
Lifetime – 141, Dennis Partee
Season – 46, Ben Agajanian, 1960
Game – 7, Ben Agajanian vs. Oakland, Nov. 27, 1960
Dennis Partee vs. Denver, Oct. 20, 1968
Dennis Partee vs. N. Y. Jets, Oct. 31, 1971

Most Field Goals Made
Lifetime – 70, Dennis Partee
Season – 22, Dennis Partee, 1968
Game – 4, Dennis Partee vs. Oakland, Dec. 15, 1968

Longest Field Goal
51, Dennis Partee vs. Baltimore, Oct. 8, 1972

RUSHING

Most Attempts
Lifetime – 1,014, Paul Lowe
Season – 272, Mike Garrett, 1972
Game – 29, Mike Garrett vs. Oakland, Oct. 1, 1972

Most Yards Gained
Lifetime – 4,963, Paul Lowe
Season – 1,121, Paul Lowe, 1965
Game – 106, Keith Lincoln vs. Boston, Jan. 5, 1964

Most Games, 100 or More Yards
Lifetime – 12, Mike Garrett
Season – 4, Paul Lowe, 1965
Mike Garrett, 1972

Longest Run From Scrimmage
87, Paul Lowe vs. Dallas Texans, Sept. 10, 1961

PASSING

Most Passes Attempted
Lifetime – 3,640, John Hadl
Season – 440, John Hadl, 1968
Game – 52, John Hadl vs. Oakland, Sept. 15, 1968

Most Passes Completed
Lifetime – 1,824, John Hadl
Season – 233, John Hadl, 1971
Game – 27, Jack Kemp vs. Houston, Sept. 18, 1960

Most Yards Gained
Lifetime – 26,938, John Hadl
Season – 3,473, John Hadl, 1968
Game – 369, Tobin Rote vs. N. Y. Jets, Nov. 2, 1963

Longest Pass Completion
91, Jack Kemp to Keith Lincoln vs. Denver, Nov. 12, 1961

Most Touchdown Passes
Lifetime – 201, John Hadl
Season – 27, John Hadl, 1968
Game – 5, John Hadl vs. Denver, Dec. 1, 1968

PASS RECEPTIONS

Most Pass Receptions
Lifetime – 493, Lance Alworth
Season – 73, Lance Alworth
Game – 13, Lance Alworth vs. Boston, Nov. 10, 1963

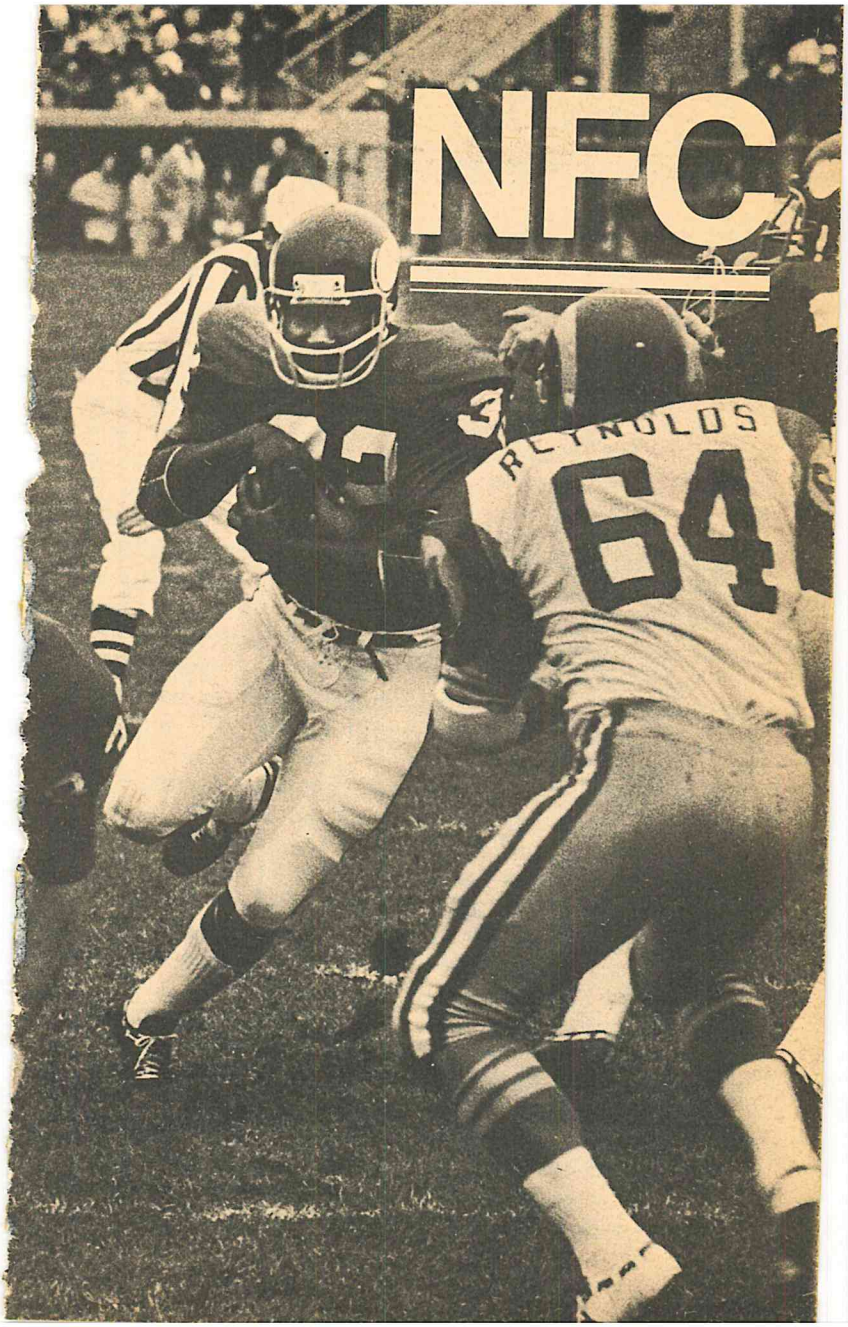
Most Yards Gained
Lifetime – 9,585, Lance Alworth
Season – 1,602, Lance Alworth, 1965
Game – 232, Lance Alworth vs. Kansas City, Oct. 20, 1963

Most Touchdown Passes
Lifetime – 81, Lance Alworth
Season – 14, Lance Alworth, 1965
Game – 4, Lance Alworth vs. Denver, Dec. 1, 1968

INTERCEPTIONS

Most Interceptions By
Lifetime – 29, Dick Harris
Season – 9, Charlie McNeil, 1961
Game – 3, by 7 players

Longest Return
100, Les Duncan vs. Kansas City, Oct. 15, 1967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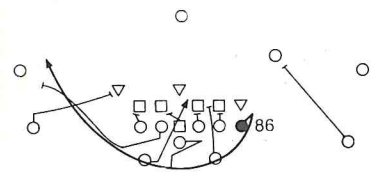
ATLANTA FALCONS

Atlanta runs tight end Mitchell on reverse

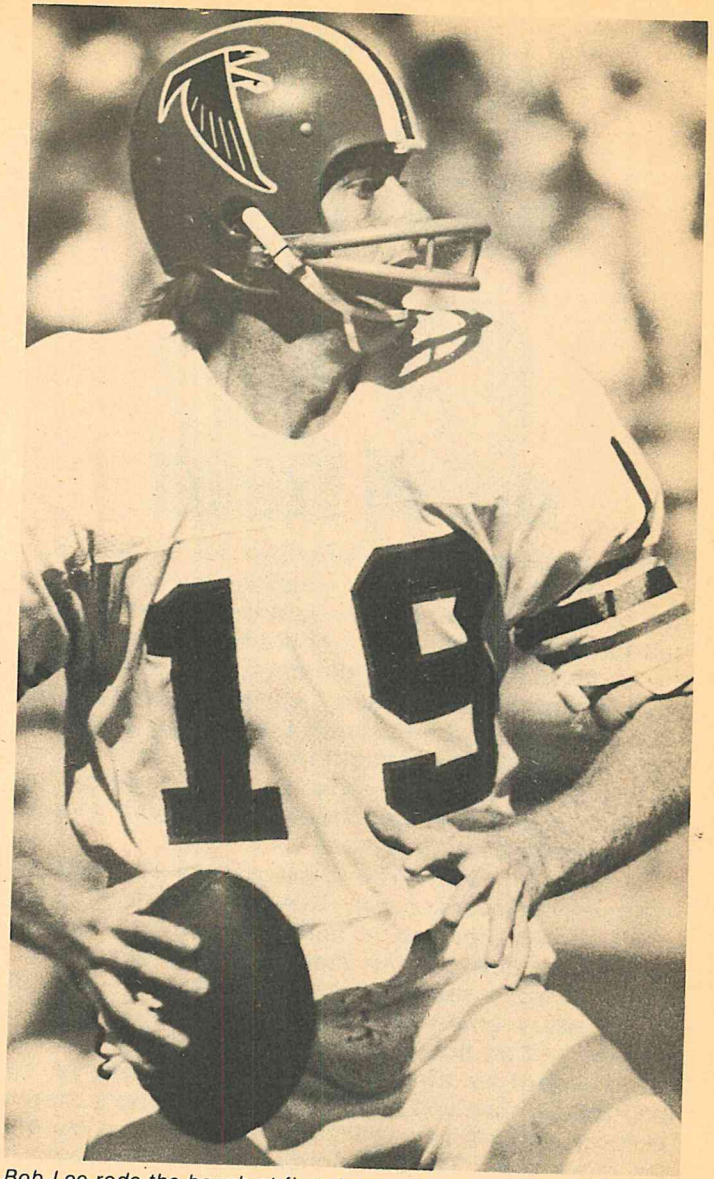


Norm Van Brocklin has a reputation for laying harsh words on people. The reputation is deserved. But his players realize that Van Brocklin also will direct the harshest barbs at himself. For instance, he is trying to take the blame for the Falcons' great foldup in the final three weeks last season, when they had the inside track to a playoff berth and lost consecutive games to St. Louis and Buffalo.

"I take the blame for those two losses," the Dutchman says. "It's the coach's responsibility to have his team ready to play, and we weren't ready to play those two weekends."

This is bitter tea the general is sipping. Atlanta was 8-3 after 11 games, tied with Washington for the second-best record in the NFC. The Falcons were a "cinch" for the wild-card berth in the playoffs if they could beat the Cardinals, the Bills, and the Saints.

Van Brocklin can afford to look back, however. There are not too many people gaining on him. Atlanta's 9-5 record was its best (by two wins) in history, and Van Brocklin now has a shot at going all the way, an opportunity denied him ever since he pitched the Rams and the Eagles to championships as a quarterback. He walked away from Minnesota just a few years before the Vikings made it to the Super Bowl. Fellow coaches take his self-criticism for last season lightly. "A team has to get in contention a time or two before it knows how to respond in that pressure," says Dallas's Tom



Bob Lee rode the bench at first; later he became "General Lee."

Cornerback Ken Reaves

Running Back Eddie Ray

Tackle George Kunz

Kicker Nick Mike-Mayer

Landry, who should know what he's talking about.

Part of Van Brocklin's troubles last year came early, before late arrival Bob Lee could work into the starting quarterback role. "If we could have had Lee from the beginning," Van Brocklin says, "the late letdown wouldn't have hurt as much." Atlanta lost three of the first four games while veteran Dick Shiner was starting, then won seven straight under Lee—now known as Robert "E." Lee in Georgia. Lee hit 52.2 percent of his passes, and now Van Brocklin will have him from the opening of training camp.

To help Lee, Van Brocklin is counting on vastly improved receivers. Surely, Ken Burrow and Al Dodd won't be knocked out of action again. And the Falcons chose speed when their first turn came in the draft—Olympic sprinter Gerald Alexander Tinker of Kent State, a gold medalist in the 400-meter relay at Munich and co-holder (with many) of the 9.1 former world record for the 100-yard dash, originally set by Bob Hayes. "We will have to draw our pass patterns on longer sheets of paper," Van Brocklin said. He will say more when Tinker catches some NFL passes. It was Van Brocklin who hung those great nicknames on

Rams teammates Deacon Dan Towler, Vitamin T. Smith, and Night Train Lane. He'll have something for Tinker. Tinker's speed should take pressure off the club's most consistent receiver, tight end Jim Mitchell.

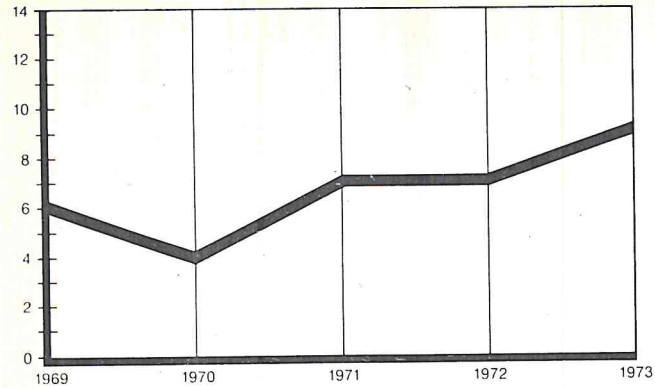
The Falcons' running attack is led by "The 996-Yard Rusher," Dave Hampton. That's how much the ex-Packer has averaged in two seasons with the Falcons, without breaking the 1,000-yard barrier. Hampton's running mate, Art Malone, was injured last year and the injury brought forth LSU's Eddie Ray after three years of no achievement. Ray averaged 4.5 and suddenly the Falcons have talented depth at this position.

Atlanta has a maturing offensive line, led by tackles Bill Sandeman and George Kunz. Center Jeff Van Note and guards Andy Maurer and Dennis Havig are in "the explosive zone" for offensive linemen, the second five years when young pros turn into experienced units.

The Falcons' defense against the running game was the club weakness last season, as usual. But Van Brocklin has reason to hope for vast improvement. He already has two strong ends in Claude Humphrey and John Zook. Last year's trade acquisition, Mike Tilleman, suffered with injuries; and last year's top draftee, Greg Marx of Notre Dame, had a torn shoulder. Another starting tackle, third-year man Mike Lewis, also played hurt. With Tilleman, Lewis, and Marx all healthy, Atlanta should cut the opponents' rushing totals drastically.

An injury-free year for the great middle linebacker, Tommy Nobis, has made the Falcons' linebacker corps as solid as any in the league. Nobis is flanked by Don Hansen and Greg Brezina, and backed up by hard-nosed veteran Lonnie Warwick, who came with quarterback Lee from the Vikings. Atlanta was eighteenth in the NFL rushing defense ranking last season, but if this trio can get help from the front four all that should change.

The justifiable pride of Atlanta is its defensive backfield, with Ken Reaves and Tom Hayes at the corners and Ray Brown and Clarence Ellis at safeties. Brown



Falcons Victories Last Five Years

stole six passes as the Falcons tied with Detroit for third in the NFL in interceptions. More devastating was the flashy Hayes, who stole four and turned two into touchdowns.

Another trouble spot for the Falcons was solved last year by drafting field goal kicker Nick Mike-Mayer from Temple. He booted 26 of 38 tries and all 34 extra points to finish fourth in the NFL in scoring. Punter John James averaged 42.6 to rank fourth in the NFC.

NOTES—The Falcons were fourth in the NFC in punt returns, but Van Brocklin wants more productivity from his kickoff return unit, which finished eleventh ...Atlanta did not have a first-round draft choice. It went to Minnesota in the trade that brought Lee to Georgia...Six of the Falcons' first seven draft choices were for offensive players—three running backs, wide receiver, tight end, and quarterback...One of the runners who could surprise is fifth-round choice Monroe Eley, who ran with Woody Green and Ben Malone at Arizona state...Four of Atlanta's first six games are at home, but then they will be tested. Atlanta travels to Pittsburgh for a Monday night game, faces Miami in Miami the following Sunday, then meets division opponent Los Angeles on the road.

Stadium: **Atlanta Stadium (Grass; 58,850)** Colors: **Red, Black, White, and Old Gold**

THE COACHING STAFF

Norm Van Brocklin's reign as a player ended in 1960 with Philadelphia's NFL champions, a team that still is regarded as "the last time an offense-oriented team won the title." Defense has ruled ever since and Van Brocklin has not, in six years as coach at Minnesota and six more at Atlanta. Van Brocklin has his best chance as a coach this season. He will be helped by Marion Campbell in the defensive line, Fred Bruney in the defensive backfield, Marv Matuszak on linebackers, Duane Putnam in the offensive line, Harry Gilmer on receivers, Billy Ray Barnes on the backs, and Bob Griffin on special teams. Jerry Rhea is the trainer and Whitey Zimmerman the equipment manager.

1974 SCHEDULE

PRESEASON

Aug. 4	at Philadelphia	8:00
Aug. 10	vs. Oakland at Berkeley, Calif.	1:00
Aug. 17	CINCINNATI (Georgia Tech)	9:00
Aug. 26	at Houston	8:00
Aug. 31	BALTIMORE	6:00
Sept. 8	at Denver	7:30

REGULAR SEASON

Sept. 15	DALLAS	4:00
Sept. 22	SAN FRANCISCO	1:00
Sept. 29	at New Orleans	1:00
Oct. 6	at New York Giants	1:00
Oct. 13	CHICAGO	1:00
Oct. 20	NEW ORLEANS	1:00
Oct. 28	at Pittsburgh (Monday)	9:00
Nov. 3	at Miami	4:00
Nov. 10	at Los Angeles	1:00
Nov. 17	BALTIMORE	1:00
Nov. 24	at San Francisco	1:00
Dec. 1	LOS ANGELES	4:00
Dec. 7	at Minnesota (Saturday)	12:00
Dec. 15	GREEN BAY	1:00

1974 FALCONS VETERAN ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Exp.	College	Games in 1973
63	Bebout, Nick	T	6-5	260	23	2	Wyoming	13
51	Benson, Duane	LB	6-2	220	29	8	Hamline	14
50	Brezina, Greg	LB	6-1	221	28	6	Houston	14
34	Brown, Ray	S	6-2	202	25	4	West Texas State	14
82	Burrow, Ken	WR	6-0	191	26	4	San Diego State	9
41	Dodd, Al	WR	6-0	178	29	7	Northwest Louisiana	13
32	Easterling, Ray	S	6-0	192	25	3	Richmond	1
29	Ellis, Clarence	S	6-0	190	24	3	Notre Dame	14
66	Fritsch, Ted	C	6-2	242	24	3	St. Norbert	14
84	Geredine, Thomas	WR	6-2	189	24	2	Northeast Missouri	12
65	Gotshalk, Len	T	6-4	259	25	3	Humboldt State	14
43	Hampton, Dave	RB	6-0	202	27	6	Wyoming	14
58	Hansen, Don	LB	6-2	228	30	8	Illinois	14
56	Havig, Dennis	G	6-2	256	25	3	Colorado	14
27	Hayes, Tom	CB	6-1	198	28	4	San Diego State	14
40	Highsmith, Don (1)	RB	6-0	205	26	5	Michigan State	7
87	Humphrey, Claude	DE	6-5	265	30	7	Tennessee State	14
6	James, John	P	6-3	200	25	3	Florida	14
75	Kunz, George	T	6-6	268	27	6	Notre Dame	14
22	Lawrence, Rolland	CB	5-10	179	23	2	Tabor	14
19	Lee, Bob	QB	6-2	201	28	6	Pacific	12
69	Lewis, Mike	DT	6-4	261	25	4	Arkansas AM&N	14
25	Malone, Art	RB	6-0	216	26	5	Arizona State	9
77	Manning, Rosie	DT	6-5	255	24	3	Northeast Oklahoma	1
78	Marx, Greg	DE	6-4	260	24	2	Notre Dame	14
33	Matthews, Henry	RB	6-3	212	25	3	Michigan State	3
64	Maurer, Andy	G	6-3	247	26	5	Oregon	14
83	Mialik, Larry	TE	6-1	226	24	3	Wisconsin	14
12	Mike-Mayer, Nick	K	5-9	187	24	2	Temple	14
55	Miller, Jim (2)	G	6-3	240	25	4	Iowa	0
86	Mitchell, Jim	TE	6-1	236	27	6	Prairie View	14
52	Mitchell, Ken	LB	6-1	224	26	2	Nevada-Las Vegas	14
80	Neal, Louis	WR	6-4	215	24	2	Prairie View	5
60	Nobis, Tommy	LB	6-2	243	30	9	Texas	14
35	Plummer, Tony	S	5-10	187	27	5	Pacific	14
44	Ray, Eddie	RB	6-2	240	27	5	Louisiana State	14
36	Reaves, Ken	CB	6-3	209	30	9	Norfolk State	14
85	Riley, Preston (3)	WR	6-1	190	26	4	Memphis State	1
61	Sandeman, Bill	T	6-6	265	32	9	Pacific	12
7	Sullivan, Pat	QB	5-11	201	24	3	Auburn	4
74	Tilleman, Mike	DT	6-7	278	30	8	Montana	13
57	Van Note, Jeff	C	6-2	247	28	6	Kentucky	14
5	Wages, Harmon	RB	6-1	212	28	6	Florida	6
79	Walker, Chuck	DT	6-3	261	33	11	Duke	14
59	Warwick, Lonnie	LB	6-2	240	32	10	Tennessee Tech	14
30	Washington, Joe	RB	5-9	180	23	2	Illinois State	9
71	Zook, John	DE	6-5	249	27	6	Kansas	14

(1) Played 7 games with Green Bay in 1973
(2) Last active with Atlanta in 1972
(3) Played 1 game with New Orleans in 1973

TOP DRAFT CHOICES

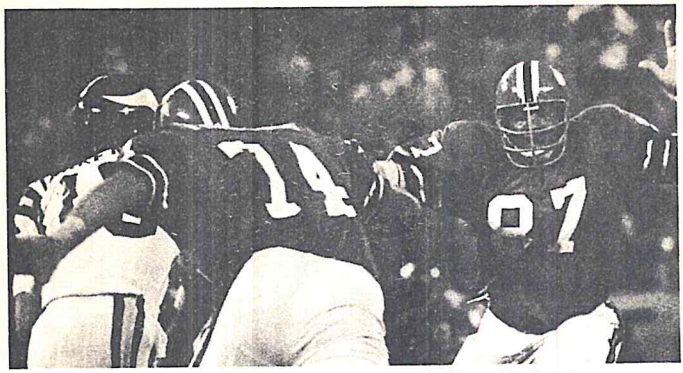
Round	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Exp.	College
2	Tinker, Gerald	WR	5-9	170	23	R	Kent State
3	McQuilken, Kim	QB	6-2	203	23	R	Lehigh
3a	Spencer, Maurice	DB	6-0	175	22	R	North Carolina Central
4	Kendrick, Vince	RB	6-0	212	22	R	Florida
5	Childs, Henry	TE	6-2	223	23	R	Kansas State

1973 LEADERS

Rushing (yards)	Dave Hampton	997
Passing (percentage)	Bob Lee	52.2
Passing (yards)	Bob Lee	1,786
Passing (touchdowns)	Bob Lee	10
Receiving (number)	Jim Mitchell	32
Receiving (yards)	Ken Burrow	567
Interceptions (number)	Ray Brown	6
Punting (average)	John James	42.6
Punt Returns (average)	Ray Brown	9.0
Kickoff Returns (average)	Joe Washington	21.6
Field Goals	Nick Mike-Mayer	26
Touchdowns	Eddie Ray	11
Points	Nick Mike-Mayer	112

RECENT TRADES

None



Mike Tilleman and Claude Humphrey rush Fran Tarkenton.

The 9-5-0 Season of 1973

SEPT. 16 Falcons scored greatest one-game point total in their history behind Shiner's quarterbacking. *Atlanta 62, New Orleans 7.*

SEPT. 23 In almost complete turnabout, Falcons were stymied by Rams defense. *Los Angeles 31, Atlanta 0.*

OCT. 1 Falcons were caught off guard by pair of Lions double-reverse plays which went for touchdowns. *Detroit 31, Atlanta 6.*

OCT. 7 Falcons touchdown drought continued. McGill punt return for touchdown was decisive score. *San Francisco 13, Atlanta 9.*

OCT. 14 Three touchdowns within four-minute span of third quarter put Falcons offense back in high gear. *Atlanta 46, Chicago 6.*

OCT. 21 Hampton ran for two touchdowns, Hayes, Brezina, Ellis interceptions set up other scores. *Atlanta 41, San Diego 0.*

OCT. 28 Winning third straight since Lee became QB, Falcons clicked on Burrow touchdown catches. *Atlanta 17, San Francisco 3.*

NOV. 4 Falcons climbed to within game of Rams in NFC West behind Mike-Mayer's five field goals. *Atlanta 15, Los Angeles 13.*

NOV. 11 Breaking 20-20 tie, Falcons erupted for 24 fourth-quarter points to subdue Eagles. *Atlanta 44, Philadelphia 27.*

NOV. 19 Continuing club record win streak on Monday night TV, Falcons snapped Vikings' at 10 straight. *Atlanta 20, Minnesota 14.*

NOV. 25 In driving rain, Lee passed for two touchdowns and Ray sloshed through for two more. *Atlanta 28, New York Jets 20.*

DEC. 2 Behind Simpson's 137 yards and opportunistic defense, Bills ended Falcons win streak at seven. *Buffalo 17, Atlanta 6.*

DEC. 9 Underdog Cardinals dealt Falcons playoff hopes death blow behind six Bakken field goals. *St. Louis 32, Atlanta 10.*

DEC. 16 Falcons posted best won-lost record in history and dealt Saints ninth straight loss in series. *Atlanta 14, New Orleans 10.*

FALCONS RECORDS

SCORING

Most Points
Lifetime – 147, Bill Bell
Season – 112, Nick Mike-Mayer, 1973
Game – 15, Nick Mike-Mayer vs. Los Angeles, Nov. 4, 1973

Most Touchdowns
Lifetime – 22, Art Malone
Season – 11, Eddie Ray, 1973
Game – 2, 31 times

Most Points After Touchdown Made
Lifetime – 64, Bill Bell
Season – 34, Nick Mike-Mayer, 1973
Game – 8, Nick Mike-Mayer vs. New Orleans, Sept. 16, 1973

Most Field Goals Made
Lifetime – 29, Bill Bell
Season – 26, Nick Mike-Mayer, 1973
Game – 5, Nick Mike-Mayer vs. Los Angeles, Nov. 4, 1973

Longest Field Goal
52, Nick Mike-Mayer vs. San Francisco, Oct. 28, 1973

RUSHING

Most Attempts
Lifetime – 609, Jim Butler
Season – 263, Dave Hampton, 1973
Game – 30, Dave Hampton vs. Green Bay, Oct. 22, 1972

Most Yards Gained
Lifetime – 2,250, Jim Butler
Season – 997, Dave Hampton, 1973
Game – 161, Dave Hampton vs. Los Angeles, Oct. 1, 1972

Most Games, 100 or More Yards
Lifetime – 4, Dave Hampton
Season – 3, Dave Hampton, 1973

Longest Run From Scrimmage
66, Harmon Wages vs. New Orleans, Dec. 7, 1969

PASSING

Most Passes Attempted
Lifetime – 1,049, Bob Berry
Season – 295, Randy Johnson, 1966
Game – 44, Bob Berry vs. Green Bay, Sept. 27, 1970

Most Passes Completed
Lifetime – 598, Bob Berry
Season – 156, Bob Berry, 1970
Game – 28, Bob Berry vs. Green Bay, Sept. 27, 1970

Most Yards Gained
Lifetime – 8,489, Bob Berry
Season – 2,158, Bob Berry, 1972
Game – 309, Bob Berry vs. Detroit, Oct. 3, 1971

Longest Pass Completion
88, Bob Berry to Harmon Wages vs. New Orleans, Dec. 7, 1969

Most Touchdown Passes
Lifetime – 57, Bob Berry
Season – 16, Bob Berry, 1970
Game – 4, Randy Johnson vs. Chicago, Nov. 16, 1969

PASS RECEPTIONS

Most Pass Receptions
Lifetime – 159, Jim Mitchell
Season – 50, Art Malone, 1972
Game – 9, Alex Hawkins vs. Philadelphia, Sept. 18, 1966
Harmon Wages vs. Baltimore, Dec. 1, 1968
Paul Flatley vs. Los Angeles, Nov. 22, 1970

Most Yards Gained
Lifetime – 2,462, Jim Mitchell
Season – 834, Paul Flatley, 1969
Game – 190, Ken Burrow vs. New Orleans, Dec. 19, 1971

Most Touchdown Passes
Lifetime – 19, Jim Mitchell
Season – 7, Ken Burrow, 1973
Game – 2, 14 times

INTERCEPTIONS

Most Interceptions By
Lifetime – 29, Ken Reaves
Season – 7, Ken Reaves, 1967
Game – 2, 18 times

Longest Return
90, Ken Reaves vs. Los Angeles, Oct. 20, 1968

CHICAGO BEARS

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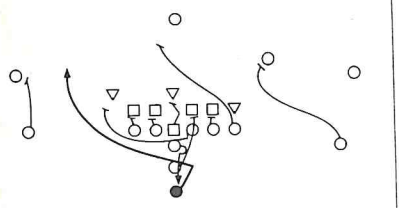
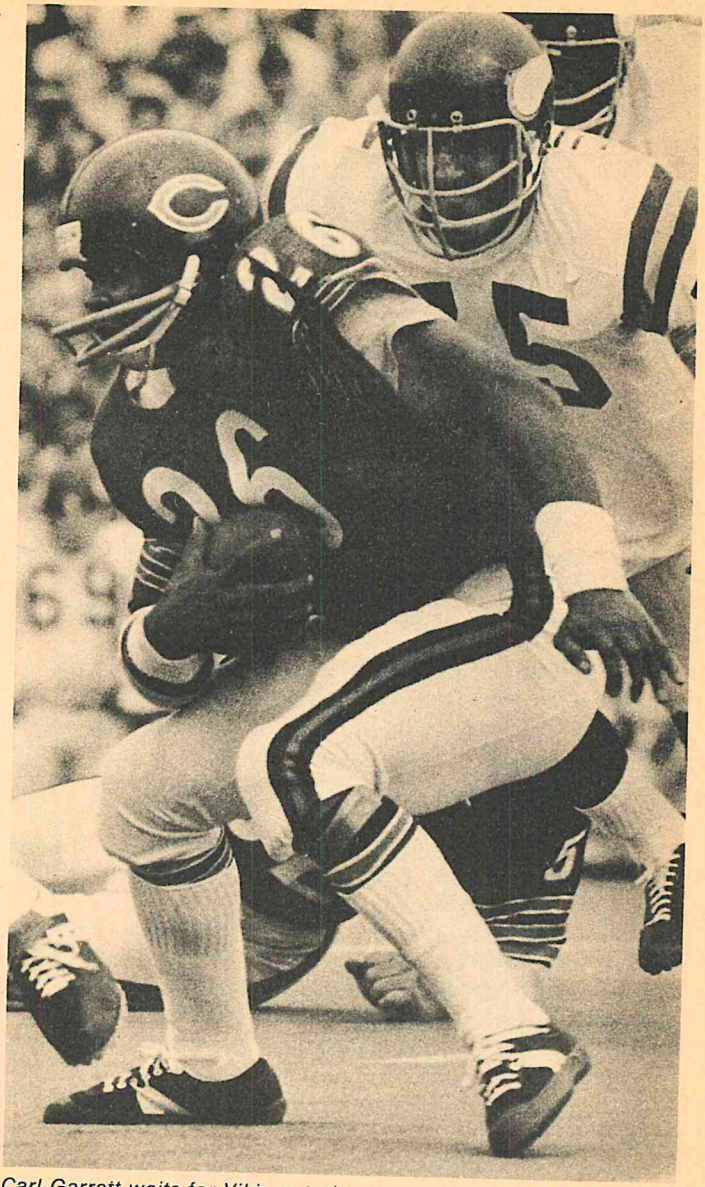


It's not unusual that a losing team, which is what the Chicago Bears have become, has three problems: offense, defense, and morale.

"The players just quit on Abe the last part of the season," says a member of the official Bears' family, "and you just can't understand how they could do it to a great guy like him."

Chicago was indeed smashed with ease by its last six opponents en route to a 3-11 record, but if the team gave up on Abe Gibron, the ebullient Gibron is not about to give up on the team. "A little success can change the whole atmosphere," says Gibron, who should remember from playing on the great Cleveland teams of Otto Graham. He goes into particulars: "With the players we have now, the defense has regained respectability."

That, of course, is always the first step on the road back, accentuating the defense. And Gibron has some good, new people, notably defensive tackle Wally Chambers. Rookie Chambers became the leader of a pass rush that got to the passer more times than did Central Division champ Minnesota, with its Purple People Eaters. Chambers can do much to revive an old Chicago line, "Monsters of the Midway." The Bears had two first-round picks in the last draft and they opted both times for defenders—linebacker Waymond Bryant of Tennessee State and lineman Dave Gallagher, a 6-foot 4-inch All-America from Michigan. Gibron has made it clear he expects

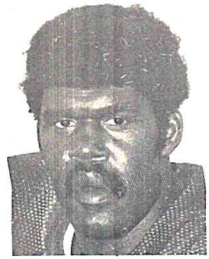


Carl Garrett waits for Vikings to be cleared from his path.

Quarterback Bobby Douglass

Defensive Tackle Jim Osborne

Running Back James Harrison



Tight End Earl Thomas

second-year man Gary Hrivnak to take over at one defensive end, giving the Bears a front four of Hrivnak, Chambers, Gallagher and, possibly, veteran Mel Tom.

The Bears are counting on Bryant at middle linebacker now that Dick Butkus has announced his retirement. The man who had been perhaps the most talked-about defensive player in football is gone from the Chicago lineup. Don Rives, who has filled in for Butkus in the past, will compete with Bryant for the job. Doug Buffone remains one of the game's best outside linebackers and speedy, hard-hitting Jimmy Gunn is available to play the other side.

Despite deficiencies in the front four last season, when it allowed 4.5 yards per rush, the Bears' secondary was the sixth-best in the NFL at stopping the pass. Allan Ellis had to step in as a rookie at one corner, and the job is his until Charlie Ford reclaims it. Joe Taylor is on the other corner, and Craig Clemons and Garry Lyle are the safeties. Lyle is the star interceptor with five.

There remains the problem of the Chicago offense, which has no proven quarterback. Six-year veteran

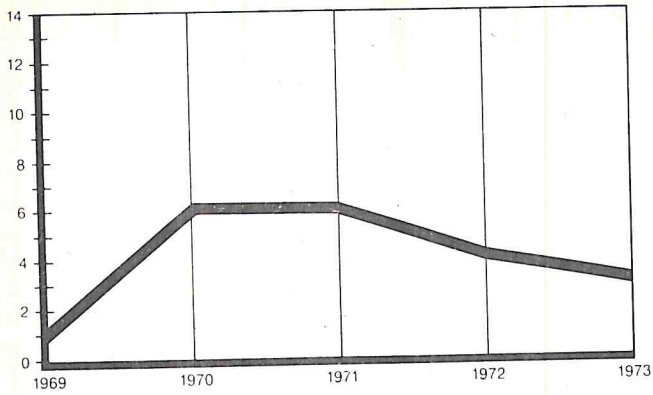
Bobby Douglass runs like a running back – and throws like a running back. He hit 46.6 percent last season. "Bobby is going to get better," Gibron predicts, "when he starts picking out his second man in a pass pattern." Gibron believes this will start to happen this season. On the other hand, it may never happen. In either case, second-year man Gary Huff, a thrower in a more classic mold, begins the year even with Douglass for the starting job.

The Chicago passing attack ranked twenty-fifth in net yardage in the league last season, and Gibron expects improvement on the receiving end. Tom Reynolds, the nifty young wide receiver who was hurt last season, is expected to start and rookie Wayne Wheeler from Alabama draws high expectations. Gibron will lean to young Bob Parsons over veteran Craig Cotton at tight end, because Parsons is more of a threat as a receiver. The holdover starters at the wide spots are George Farmer and Earl Thomas.

A little bit of passing would do the Bears a world of good, because they have a host of runners, led by Carl Garrett and Jim Harrison, to share a balanced attack.

These starters are backed by young veterans Joe Moore and Roger Lawson. Gibron also expects much from rookie Clif Taylor of Memphis State. Taylor runs a shade under 4.6 in the 40 and has a reputation as a blocking back, despite his average size (6 feet, 190).

NOTES: The Bears must search for a sure-handed speedster to increase their punt return yardage. Ike Hill had the job last year and averaged only 5.7 per return... Kickoff returns are in the very capable hands of Carl Garrett, who averaged 30.4... Gibron is unhappy with parts of his offensive line. "We've got to get some help there with new people," he says... The decidedly different styles of quarterbacks Douglass and Huff do not present a great problem in switching from one to the other. "There are a couple of plays you take out of your game plan, that's all," says Gibron... Rookie split end Wayne Wheeler should feel right at home in the pass-shy Bears' offense. With ground-oriented



Bears Victories Last Five Years

Alabama, Wheeler gained fame as a downfield blocker on running plays, and still managed a whopping 27.9-yard average on his receptions. Wheeler's Alabama teams lost only one regular season game in his three years...Texas Tech quarterback Joe Barnes, whose team was 11-1 with him at the controls, will be tried at running back. He would also be an excellent backup for the running Douglass.

Stadium: **Soldier Field (AstroTurf; 55,701)** Colors: **Orange, Navy Blue, and White**

THE COACHING STAFF

Abe Gibron's two-year record as head coach is 7-20-1, a remarkable contrast to his career as an all-NFL guard when he played in seven consecutive title games with the Cleveland Browns. If action on the sidelines counted, the Bears' record would quickly turn around. Gibron is one of the most animated head coaches on game day. His defensive assistants are Chuck Cherundolo, line, and Jim Carr, linebackers and defensive backs. On offense he has Zeke Bratkowski for the quarterbacks, Jerry Stoltz for receivers, William (Whitey) Dovell for the offensive line, and Ralph Goldston the offensive backs and special teams. Fred Caito is the trainer and Bill Martell is the equipment manager.

1974 SCHEDULE

PRESEASON

Aug. 3	vs. St. Louis at Champaign, Ill.	1:30
Aug. 12	at Pittsburgh	8:00
Aug. 17	vs. Green Bay (Milwaukee)	9:00
Aug. 26	at Baltimore	8:00
Aug. 31	at Houston	8:00
Sept. 7	MIAMI	8:00

REGULAR SEASON

Sept. 15	DETROIT	1:00
Sept. 22	NEW YORK JETS	1:00
Sept. 29	at Minnesota	1:00
Oct. 6	NEW ORLEANS	1:00
Oct. 13	at Atlanta	1:00
Oct. 21	GREEN BAY (Monday)	8:00
Oct. 27	at Buffalo	1:00
Nov. 3	MINNESOTA	1:00
Nov. 10	vs. Green Bay (Milwaukee)	1:00
Nov. 17	SAN FRANCISCO	1:00
Nov. 24	at Detroit	1:00
Dec. 1	NEW YORK GIANTS	1:00
Dec. 8	at San Diego	1:00
Dec. 15	at Washington	1:00

1974 BEARS VETERAN ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Exp.	College	Games in 1973
79	Antoine, Lionel	T	6-6	255	24	3	Southern Illinois	13
74	Asher, Bob	T	6-6	260	26	4	Vanderbilt	13
12	Bratkowski, Zeke (1)	QB	6-3	200	42	14	Georgia	0
55	Buffone, Doug	LB	6-2	225	30	9	Louisville	14
60	Chambers, Wally	DT	6-6	250	23	2	Eastern Kentucky	14
53	Clark, Gail	LB	6-2	227	23	2	Michigan State	11
25	Clemons, Craig	S	5-11	200	25	3	Iowa	14
52	Coady, Rich	C	6-3	235	29	5	Memphis State	14
80	Cotton, Craig	TE	6-2	225	27	6	Youngstown	13
10	Douglass, Bobby	QB	6-4	225	27	6	Kansas	13
48	Ellis, Allan	CB	5-10	178	23	2	UCLA	14
43	Farmer, George	WR	6-4	214	26	5	UCLA	14
32	Ford, Charlie	CB	6-3	185	25	4	Houston	13
26	Garrett, Carl	RB	5-10	210	27	6	New Mexico Highlands	13
88	Green, Bobby Joe	P	5-11	175	38	15	Florida	14
30	Gunn, Jimmy	LB	6-1	220	25	4	USC	3
75	Hale, Dave	DT	6-8	255	27	4	Ottawa, Kansas	1
35	Harrison, Jim	RB	6-4	235	26	4	Missouri	13
17	Hill, Ike	WR	5-10	180	27	4	Catawba	14
61	Holloway, Glen	G	6-2	255	25	5	North Texas State	14
72	Hrivnak, Gary	DE	6-5	248	23	2	Purdue	13
19	Huff, Gary	QB	6-1	200	23	2	Florida State	8
65	Jackson, Randy	T	6-5	250	30	8	Florida	14
59	Janet, Ernie	G	6-4	250	25	3	Washington	12
29	Jeter, Bob	S	6-1	200	37	12	Iowa	13
84	Juenger, Dave	WR	6-1	195	23	2	Ohio	1
63	Kinney, Steve	T	6-5	255	25	2	Utah State	2
33	Kosins, Gary	RB	6-2	220	25	3	Dayton	12
36	Lawson, Roger	RB	6-2	215	24	3	Western Michigan	10
44	Lyle, Garry	S	6-2	198	28	7	George Washington	14
71	McGee, Tony	DE	6-4	250	25	4	Bishop	14
45	Moore, Joe	RB	6-1	205	25	3	Missouri	14
78	Newton, Bob	G	6-4	250	25	4	Nebraska	13
84	Olerich, Dave (2)	LB	6-1	220	30	8	San Francisco	14
68	Osborne, Jim	DT	6-3	250	24	3	Southern U.	14
86	Parsons, Bob	TE	6-5	234	24	3	Penn State	14
83	Percival, Mac	K	6-4	220	34	8	Texas Tech	4
58	Pifferini, Bob	LB	6-2	226	24	3	UCLA	12
81	Reppond, Mike	WR	6-0	179	23	2	Arkansas	2
87	Reynolds, Tom	WR	6-3	200	24	2	San Diego State	9
70	Rice, Andy	DT	6-2	250	32	7	Texas Southern	14
57	Rives, Don	LB	6-2	215	23	2	Texas Tech	14
24	Roberts, Willie	CB	6-1	190	26	2	Houston	4
15	Roder, Mirro	K	6-1	218	30	2	None	13
39	Sanderson, Reggie	RB	5-10	206	23	2	Stanford	2
20	Taylor, Joe	CB	6-0	200	33	8	North Carolina A&T	14
82	Thomas, Earl	WR	6-2	215	25	4	Houston	14
89	Tom, Mel (3)	DE	6-4	249	33	8	San Jose State	13
21	Turner, Cecil	WR	5-10	176	30	7	Cal Poly-Obispo	11
54	Young, Adrian	LB	6-1	232	28	7	USC	2

(1) Last active with Green Bay in 1971

(2) Played 14 games with San Francisco in 1973.

(3) Played 4 games with Philadelphia, 9 games with Chicago, in 1973

TOP DRAFT CHOICES

Round	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Exp.	College
1	Bryant, Waymond	LB	6-1	236	22	R	Tennessee State
1a	Gallagher, Dave	DE-DT	6-4	245	22	R	Michigan
3	Wheeler, Wayne	WR	6-2	185	23	R	Alabama
3b	Taylor, Clif	RB	6-0	190	22	R	Memphis State
8	Chadwick, Alan	QB	6-3	190	20	R	East Tennessee State

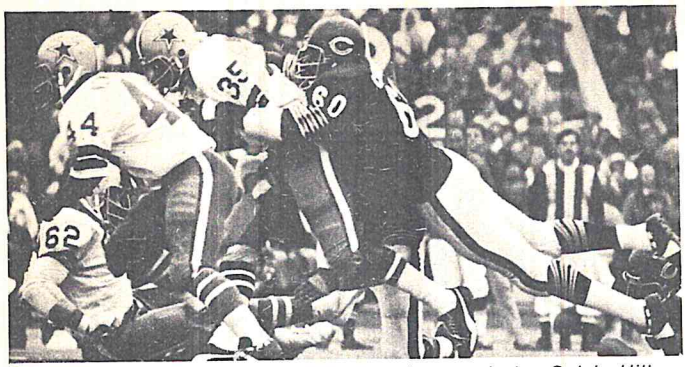
1973 LEADERS

Rushing (yards)	Carl Garrett.....655
Passing (percentage)	Bobby Douglass.....46.6
Passing (yards)	Bobby Douglass.....1,057
Passing (touchdowns)	Bobby Douglass.....5
Receiving (number)	Earl Thomas.....24
Receiving (yards)	Earl Thomas.....343
Interceptions (number)	Garry Lyle.....5
Punting (average)	Bobby Joe Green.....40.5
Punt Returns (average)	Ike Hill.....5.7
Kickoff Returns (average)	Carl Garrett.....30.4
Field Goals	Mirro Roder.....8
Touchdowns	Bobby Douglass and Carl Garrett.....5
Points	Mirro Roder.....35

RECENT TRADES

Rookie tackle Greg Horton to Los Angeles for draft choices.

A draft choice to San Francisco for linebacker Dave Olerich.



Wally Chambers, young star of Bears line, encircles Calvin Hill.

The 3-11-0 Season of 1973

SEPT. 16 Bears daring fake punt failed to get first down; Fritsch field goal gave Cowboys winning margin. *Dallas 20, Chicago 17.*

SEPT. 23 Bears opened 10-0 lead, but wilted in face of Cox field goals and running of Foreman. *Minnesota 22, Chicago 13.*

SEPT. 30 Bears won first game, taking advantage of Broncos errors and Douglass touchdown passes. *Chicago 33, Denver 14.*

OCT. 7 Manning scored eventual winning touchdown after Bears could not recover key Saints fumble. *New Orleans 21, Chicago 16.*

OCT. 14 Falcons struggling offense came to life in third quarter after Bears had opened up early 6-0 lead. *Atlanta 46, Chicago 6.*

OCT. 21 Bears inability to hold fourth quarter lead allowed Plunkett to sneak over for winning score. *New England 13, Chicago 10.*

OCT. 28 Butkus scored first career touchdown by recovering Pastorini fumble in Oilers end zone. *Chicago 35, Houston 14.*

NOV. 4 Douglass passed for 118 yards, ran for 100 more, and added four short touchdown runs. *Chicago 31, Green Bay 17.*

NOV. 12 Aroused Chiefs defense throttled inconsistent Bears offense: Stenerud kicked four field goals. *Kansas City 19, Chicago 7.*

NOV. 18 Douglass and Huff threw five interceptions between them, one returned 95 yards for touchdown. *Detroit 30, Chicago 7.*

NOV. 25 Gilliam caught two second-half touchdowns after Bears had trailed 10-6 in third quarter. *Minnesota 31, Chicago 13.*

DEC. 2 McCutcheon rushed for 152 yards as Rams won NFC West title in shutting out frustrated Bears. *Los Angeles 26, Chicago 0.*

DEC. 9 Bears lost fifth straight; Munson threw for two touchdowns and Farr scored twice on short runs. *Detroit 40, Chicago 7.*

DEC. 16 Before only 29,157 fans (26,544 stayed home), Bears concluded long season on losing note. *Green Bay 21, Chicago 0.*

BEARS RECORDS

SCORING

Most Points
- Lifetime – 541, George Blanda
- Season – 132, Gale Sayers, 1965
- Game – 36, Gale Sayers vs. San Francisco, Dec. 12, 1965

Most Touchdowns
- Lifetime – 59, Rick Casares
- Season – 22, Gale Sayers, 1965
- Game – 6, Gale Sayers vs. San Francisco, Dec. 12, 1965

Most Points After Touchdown Made
- Lifetime – 247, George Blanda
- Season – 52, Roger Leclerc, 1965
- Game – 8, Bob Snyder vs. N. Y. Giants, Nov. 18, 1943

Most Field Goals Made
- Lifetime – 99, Mac Percival
- Season – 25, Mac Percival, 1968
- Game – 5, Roger Leclerc vs. Detroit, Dec. 3, 1961; Mac Percival vs. Philadelphia, Oct. 20, 1968

Longest Field Goal
- 52, Lee Artoe vs. N. Y. Giants, Oct. 27, 1940

RUSHING

Most Attempts
- Lifetime – 1,386, Rick Casares
- Season – 236, Gale Sayers, 1965
- Game – 28, Gale Sayers vs. Pittsburgh, Nov. 9, 1969

Most Yards Gained
- Lifetime – 5,657, Rick Casares
- Season – 1,231, Gale Sayers, 1966
- Game – 205, Gale Sayers vs. Green Bay, Nov. 3, 1968

Most Games, 100 or More Yards
- Lifetime – 20, Gale Sayers
- Season – 5, Gale Sayers, 1968

Longest Run From Scrimmage
- 82, Beattie Feathers vs. Pittsburgh, Oct. 10, 1934

PASSING

Most Passes Attempted
- Lifetime – 1,774, Sid Luckman
- Season – 412, Bill Wade, 1962
- Game – 57, Bill Wade vs. Washington, Oct. 25, 1964

Most Passes Completed
- Lifetime – 904, Sid Luckman
- Season – 225, Bill Wade, 1962
- Game – 33, Bill Wade vs. Washington, Oct. 25, 1964

Most Yards Gained
- Lifetime – 14,683, Sid Luckman
- Season – 3,172, Bill Wade, 1962
- Game – 468, Johnny Lujack vs. Chi. Cardinals, Dec. 11, 1949

Longest Pass Completion
- 98, Bill Wade to John Farrington vs. Detroit, Oct. 8, 1961

Most Touchdown Passes
- Lifetime – 139, Sid Luckman
- Season – 28, Sid Luckman, 1943
- Game – 7, Sid Luckman vs. N. Y. Giants, Nov. 14, 1943

PASS RECEPTIONS

Most Pass Receptions
- Lifetime – 365, Johnny Morris
- Season – 93, Johnny Morris, 1964
- Game – 14, Jim Keane vs. N. Y. Giants, Oct. 23, 1949

Most Yards Gained
- Lifetime – 5,059, Johnny Morris
- Season – 1,200, Johnny Morris, 1964
- Game – 214, Harlon Hill vs. San Francisco, Oct. 31, 1954

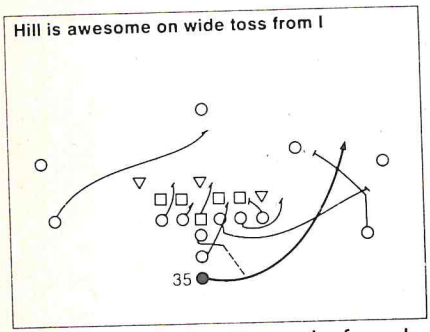
Most Touchdown Passes
- Lifetime – 50, Ken Kavanaugh
- Season – 13, Ken Kavanaugh, 1947; Dick Gordon, 1970

INTERCEPTIONS

Most Interceptions By
- Lifetime – 37, Richie Petitbon
- Season – 9, Roosevelt Taylor, 1963
- Game – 2, by many players

Longest Return
- 101, Richie Petitbon vs. Los Angeles, Dec. 9, 1962

DALLAS COWBOYS

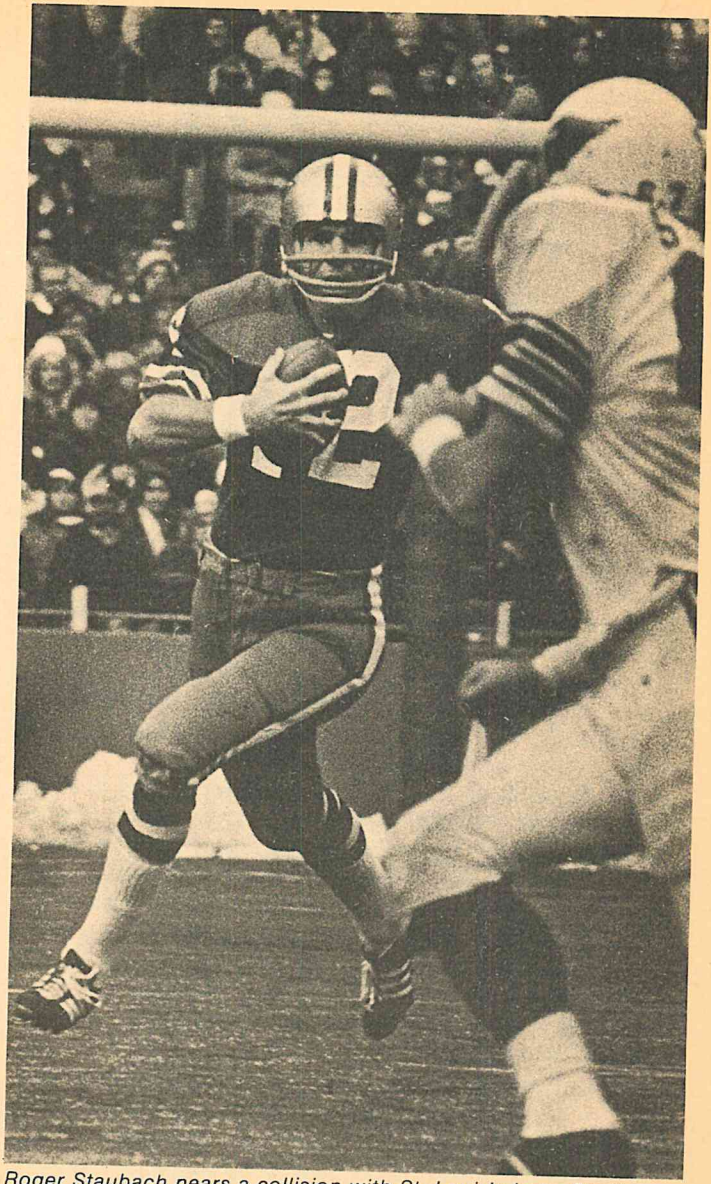


The thing about the Dallas Cowboys' lofty status in the NFL is that last season was "a transition year," a time for phasing age out of the lineup and bringing in new blood—yet Dallas got as far as the penultimate game before losing the NFC title to Minnesota.

"We discovered a lot of new faces," says coach Tom Landry, "and that has to help us this season."

The consistent Cowboys have appeared in four consecutive conference championship games, two of which they won, and they will certainly be knocking on the same door again. This is partly due to the "new faces," but mostly due to old ones. "We never expect to be playing for less than the Super Bowl," says linebacker Lee Roy Jordan, all-pro in his eleventh year. "That's the way this team feels every season, going in."

Jordan and the other old Cowboys have a right to be optimistic, since the input of the 1973 rookies has given the roster a depth that is unusual, even for Dallas. The greatest boost came in the pass-catching department, where free agent Drew Pearson and top draftee Billy Joe DuPree, the tight end, alternated in stunning opponents. As hoped, DuPree gave the Cowboys their first deep threat in history from that position. But Pearson, whose parents admired the late Washington columnist, came from nowhere when injuries riddled the receiver corps. Flanker Otto Stowe, acquired in trade from Miami, had been an instant



Roger Staubach nears a collision with St. Louis's Larry Stallings.

Tight End Billy Joe DuPree

Defensive Tackle Jethro Pugh

Wide Receiver Bob Hayes

Defensive Tackle Bob Lilly

success in the early season, then broke an ankle bone. Running back Mike Montgomery was converted to flanker and also showed great promise. When Montgomery was hurt, receiver coach Mike Ditka called on Tulsa's Pearson in the last four games—and he caught 20 passes. Pearson's remarkable catch from Roger Staubach for an 83-yard touchdown helped defeat the Los Angeles Rams in the playoffs.

Bob Hayes is still as fast and dangerous as ever at split end, and Dallas is overloaded with Stowe, Pearson, Montgomery, and second-year man Golden Richards battling at wide receiver. DuPree is pushed at tight end by 22-year-old Jean Fugett, a better blocker.

The Cowboys' offensive line remains solid with tackles Rayfield Wright (all-pro) and Ralph Neely, guards John Niland and Blaine Nye, and center John Fitzgerald. Young Rodney Wallace and Bruce Walton are excellent backups.

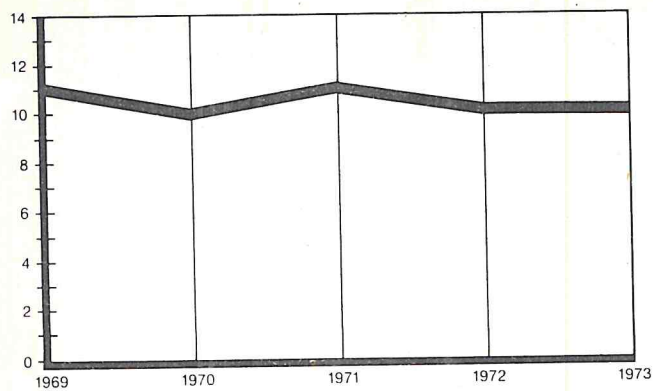
The running attack, still led by Calvin Hill and Walt Garrison, will be boosted by North Carolina State rookie Charlie Young, the Cowboys' own first-round choice. Young is 6-foot, 1-inch, 212 pounds, and swift. He can substitute at either running back spot. Hill

went uninjured through 14 league games for the first time in his five-year career and made the 1,000-yard club for the second year in a row. But a playoff injury kept him out of the title game with Minnesota. Young looks as if he could be a solid backup to Hill, and Robert Newhouse adds additional depth to the position.

Landry's twin systems—multiple formations on offense and "coordinated area" defense—will stay virtually the same. But the defensive secondary, one of the last holdouts for man-to-man coverage, is using more and more zone. In fact, Landry and defensive coach Ernie Stautner have opted for a variety of "situation defenses" that brought rookie talent into play. On passing downs, Stautner would insert Harvey Banks Martin at left end for Larry Cole and point him at the quarterback. Martin is 6-foot, 5-inches and 260 pounds and, as Stautner found, he is mean. "Martin will knock a quarterback down," Stautner says, "and then he will *not* help him up." The East Texas State product is scheduled to take Cole's spot all the way this time, with Cole moving to tackle.

The experience with Martin foreshadows how the Cowboys will employ rookie Ed (Too Tall) Jones of Tennessee State, the number one choice of the NFL draft (the Cowboys had obtained the selection from Houston). The 6-foot 9-inch Jones will be used on passing downs at right end, forming a pincer with Martin coming from the other side. Jethro Pugh and Bob Lilly are still the stalwarts at tackle, though Lilly is nearing the end of a brilliant career. Young Bill Gregory, and now Cole, are the backup men. Pat Toomay is the right end, and he led the team in sacks.

The rest of the Cowboys' defense is solid, with linebackers D. D. Lewis, Jordan, and Dave Edwards, cornerbacks Charlie Waters and Mel Renfro, and safeties Cornell Green and Cliff Harris—but not even these worthies are safe from the challenge of Dallas youth. Benny Barnes gained great experience as a rookie in the five-back pass defense, and he may shove Waters to safety duty. Middle linebacker candidate Rodrigo Barnes thinks he can take captain Jordan's position away from him.



Cowboys Victories Last Five Years

The issue must finally turn on "the championship position," quarterback, and Roger Staubach. Staubach is a chastened fellow heading into 1974, even though he has been the NFL passing leader two of the last three years and was the most valuable player of Super Bowl VI. "I am still learning," he says. "I need to know more about my keys. I lost the Minnesota game. It won't happen again."

NOTES—In leading all NFL passers, Staubach was the pacesetter in two departments, completion percentage (62.6) and average yards per attempt (8.49)... As a team, Dallas was second in the NFL in passing with an 84.9 rating...Staubach and Philadelphia's Roman Gabriel tied for the lead in touchdown passes with 23...The Cowboys will have a rematch of their NFC title game with Minnesota when the Vikings come to Texas Stadium on the fourth week of the season... Dallas also resumes its intrastate rivalry with Houston in one of its three nonconference games...The Cowboys' other AFC opponents are formidable, Cleveland and Oakland...The Cowboys expect continued development from punter Marv Bateman. He averaged just 38.2 as a rookie in 1972, but boosted that figure to 41.6 last year, seventh in the NFC.

Stadium: **Texas Stadium (Tartan Turf; 65,111)** Colors: **Royal Blue, Metallic Blue, and White**

THE COACHING STAFF

Tom Landry earned his first niche in NFL history when he originated the 4-3 defense as an assistant with the 1956 New York Giants. When he became head coach of the Cowboys in 1960 he introduced multiple-offense formations from the I—to defeat the 4-3. Since then Landry's teams have won 109 games and averaged 10½ wins over the past eight seasons. Ernie Stautner is the defensive coach and handles the line; Jim Myers the offensive line; Mike Ditka, receivers; Ed Hughes, backfield; Gene Stallings, defensive backs; Jerry Tubbs, linebackers; and Ermal Allen is the special assistant in research and development. The trainer is Don Cochren and William (Buck) Buchanan handles the equipment.

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Oct. 27	at New York Giants	1:00
Nov. 3	ST. LOUIS	1:00
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Nov. 17	at Washington	1:00
Nov. 24	at Houston	4:00
Nov. 28	WASHINGTON (Thanksgiving)	1:00
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Dec. 14	at Oakland (Saturday)	3:00
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46	Washington, Mark	CB	5-10	188	26	5	Morgan State	14
41	Waters, Charlie	S	6-1	193	25	5	Clemson	14
70	Wright, Rayfield	T	6-6	255	29	8	Fort Valley State	12

(1) Last active with Chicago in 1971
(2) Last active with Green Bay in 1972
(3) Last active with Oakland in 1971

TOP DRAFT CHOICES

Round	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Exp.	College
1	Jones, Ed	DT	6-9	260	23	R	Tennessee State
1a	Young, Charlie	RB	6-1	212	21	R	North Carolina State
3a	Peterson, Cal	LB	6-3	218	21	R	UCLA
4	Hutcherson, Ken	LB	6-1	214	22	R	Livingston, Alabama
4a	Andrade, Andy	RB	5-11	193	23	R	Northern Michigan

1973 LEADERS

Rushing (yards)	Calvin Hill 1,142
Passing (percentage)	Roger Staubach 62.6
Passing (yards)	Roger Staubach 2,428
Passing (touchdowns)	Roger Staubach 23
Receiving (number)	Calvin Hill 32
Receiving (yards)	Billy Joe DuPree 392
Interceptions (number)	Lee Roy Jordan 6
Punting (average)	Marv Bateman 41.6
Punt Returns (average)	Golden Richards 6.6
Kickoff Returns (average)	Drew Pearson 22.1
Field Goals	Toni Fritsch 18
Touchdowns	Walt Garrison 8
Points	Toni Fritsch 97

RECENT TRADES

None

Lee Roy Jordan made tackle after tackle during a remarkable year.

The 10-4-0 Season of 1973

SEPT. 16 Fritsch kicked game-winning 11-yard field goal after Bears fake punt failed to get first down. *Dallas 20, Chicago 17.*

SEPT. 24 Landry won 100th game as coach after team exploded for three third-quarter touchdowns. *Dallas 40, New Orleans 3.*

SEPT. 30 Staubach completed 17 of 22 passes, DuPree caught three touchdown passes in runaway win. *Dallas 45, St. Louis 10.*

OCT. 8 Houston tackled Garrison on Redskins 1-yard line in final minute to save win on Monday night TV. *Washington 14, Dallas 7.*

OCT. 14 Rams rode four Hadl-to-Jackson touchdowns to 34-14 halftime lead before Cowboys caught fire. *Los Angeles 37, Dallas 31.*

OCT. 21 DuPree blocked two punts, one recovered by Lewis in Giants end zone for touchdown. *Dallas 45, New York Giants 28.*

OCT. 28 Eagles broke 11-game loss string to Cowboys behind passing of Gabriel to Carmichael. *Philadelphia 30, Dallas 16.*

NOV. 4 Jordan intercepted three Anderson passes, one for score, and Staubach threw for three touchdowns. *Dallas 38, Cincinnati 10.*

NOV. 11 Waters intercepted two passes and Cowboys picked off four overall, to turn back Giants. *Dallas 23, New York Giants 10.*

NOV. 18 Behind Garrison runs, Cowboys avenged earlier loss to Eagles, who lost Gabriel to injury. *Dallas 31, Philadelphia 10.*

NOV. 22 Dolphins scored two first-quarter touchdowns, and made lead stand up in Thanksgiving Day game. *Miami 14, Dallas 7.*

DEC. 2 Cowboys got back on winning track when Staubach passed to Fugett for two touchdowns. *Dallas 22, Denver 10.*

DEC. 9 Staubach's passing and Hill's running carried Cowboys over Redskins in battle for NFC East title. *Dallas 27, Washington 7.*

DEC. 16 Cowboys won NFC East title as Staubach passed for 256 yards, including three touchdown throws. *Dallas 30, St. Louis 3.*

COWBOYS RECORDS

SCORING

Most Points
- Lifetime – 450, Bob Hayes
- Season – 107, Danny Villanueva, 1966
- Game – 24, Dan Reeves vs. Atlanta, Nov. 5, 1967
  Bob Hayes vs. Houston, Dec. 20, 1970
  Calvin Hill vs. Buffalo, Sept. 19, 1971
  Duane Thomas vs. St. Louis, Dec. 18, 1971

Most Touchdowns
- Lifetime – 75, Bob Hayes
- Season – 16, Dan Reeves, 1966
- Game – 4, Dan Reeves vs. Atlanta, Nov. 5, 1967
  Bob Hayes vs. Houston, Dec. 20, 1970
  Calvin Hill vs. Buffalo, Sept. 19, 1971
  Duane Thomas vs. St. Louis, Dec. 18, 1971

Most Points After Touchdown Made
- Lifetime – 180, Mike Clark
- Season – 56, Danny Villanueva, 1966
- Game – 8, Danny Villanueva vs. Philadelphia, Oct. 9, 1966
  Mike Clark vs. Detroit, Sept. 15, 1968

Most Field Goals Made
- Lifetime – 69, Mike Clark
- Season – 21, Toni Fritsch, 1972
- Game – 4, Danny Villanueva vs. Cleveland, Nov. 24, 1966

Longest Field Goal
- 54, Toni Fritsch vs. N. Y. Giants, Sept. 24, 1972

RUSHING

Most Attempts
- Lifetime – 1,500, Don Perkins
- Season – 273, Calvin Hill, 1973
- Game – 31, Calvin Hill vs. Chicago, Sept. 16, 1973

Most Yards Gained
- Lifetime – 6,217, Don Perkins
- Season – 1,142, Calvin Hill, 1973
- Game – 150, Calvin Hill vs. Washington, Nov. 16, 1969

Most Games, 100 or More Yards
- Lifetime – 14, Calvin Hill
- Season – 5, Duane Thomas, 1970
  Calvin Hill, 1973

Longest Run From Scrimmage
- 73, Amos Bullocks vs. Chicago, Nov. 18, 1962

PASSING

Most Passes Attempted
- Lifetime – 2,308, Don Meredith
- Season – 344, Don Meredith, 1966
- Game – 48, Don Meredith vs. San Francisco, Nov. 10, 1963

Most Passes Completed
- Lifetime – 1,170, Don Meredith
- Season – 185, Craig Morton, 1972
- Game – 30, Don Meredith vs. N. Y. Giants, Sept. 18, 1966

Most Yards Gained
- Lifetime – 17,199, Don Meredith
- Season – 2,805, Don Meredith, 1966
- Game – 460, Don Meredith vs. San Francisco, Nov. 10, 1963

Longest Pass Completion
- 95, Don Meredith to Bob Hayes vs. Washington, Nov. 13, 1966

Most Touchdown Passes
- Lifetime – 135, Don Meredith
- Season – 24, Don Meredith, 1966
- Game – 5, Eddie LeBaron vs. Pittsburgh, Oct. 21, 1962
  Don Meredith vs. N. Y. Giants, Sept. 18, 1966
  Don Meredith vs. Philadelphia, Oct. 9, 1966
  Don Meredith vs. Philadelphia, Sept. 29, 1968
  Craig Morton vs. Philadelphia, Oct. 19, 1969
  Craig Morton vs. Houston, Dec. 20, 1970

PASS RECEPTIONS

Most Pass Receptions
- Lifetime – 358, Bob Hayes
- Season – 65, Frank Clarke, 1964
- Game – 13, Lance Rentzel vs. Washington, Nov. 19, 1967

Most Yards Gained
- Lifetime – 7,177, Bob Hayes
- Season – 1,232, Bob Hayes, 1966
- Game – 246, Bob Hayes vs. Washington, Nov. 13, 1966

Most Touchdown Passes
- Lifetime – 70, Bob Hayes
- Season – 14, Frank Clarke, 1962
- Game – 4, Bob Hayes vs. Houston, Dec. 20, 1970

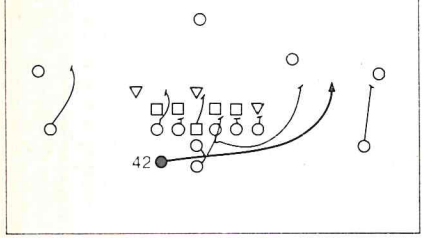
INTERCEPTIONS

Most Interceptions By
- Lifetime – 42, Mel Renfro
- Season – 10, Mel Renfro, 1969
- Game – 3, Herb Adderley vs. Philadelphia, Sept. 26, 1971
  Lee Roy Jordan vs. Cincinnati, Nov. 4, 1973

Longest Return
- 100, Mike Gaechter vs. Philadelphia, touchdown, Oct. 14, 1962

DETROIT LIONS

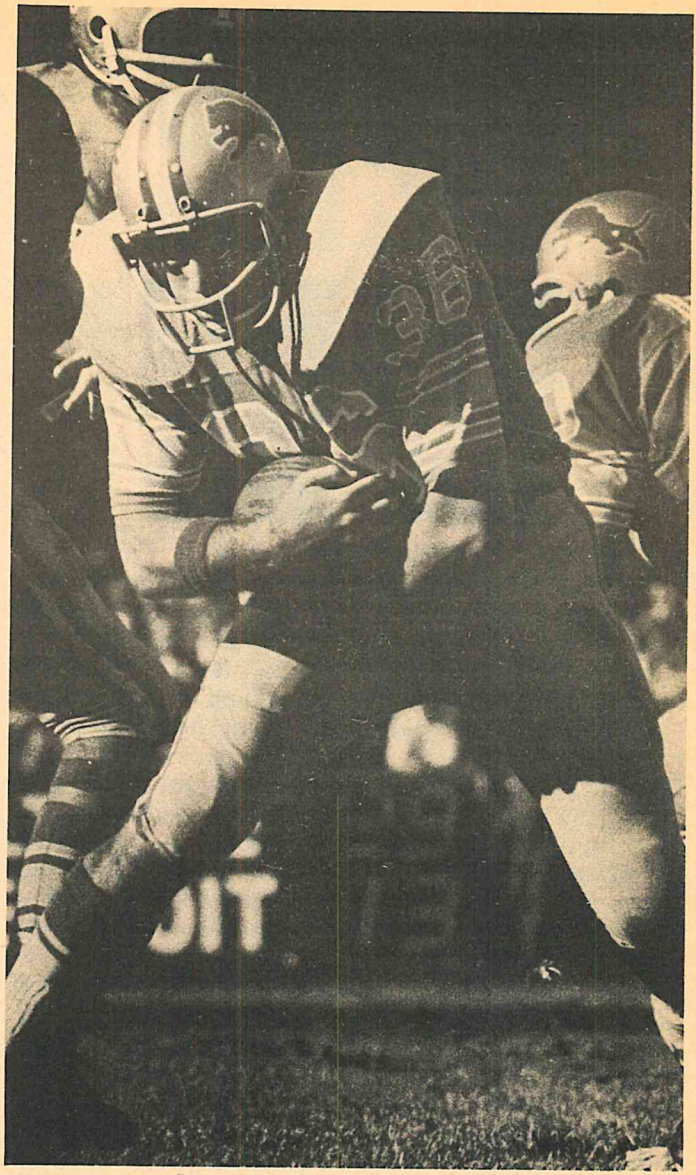
Altie Taylor runs the strongside



If there's any justice in the world of pro football, the Detroit Lions have paid the price and are now standing in line to collect the rewards. "Nobody could be hit with as many key injuries as we were," says coach Don McCafferty. Now McCafferty, a veteran from way back, realizes this is a standard alibi of losers—but he says it anyway, because the evidence is clear.

The axe fell indiscriminately in the defensive backfield, the offensive backfield, both sides of the line, and it whacked out the number one quarterback, Greg Landry, for half a season. The blessed linebackers began walking around under steel umbrellas. Then Mike Lucci missed five games at middle linebacker. Nineteen seventy-three was not the Year of the Lion.

But McCafferty, the only man to coach a Super Bowl winner at Baltimore, prefers to look for the silver in the lining behind this cloud and he can see plenty. Rookie defensive backs Levi Johnson of Texas A&I and Dick Jauron, of the Ivy League no less, were forced into service when cornerback Rudy Redmond and safety Wayne Rasmussen were sidelined for the season. Together they stole nine passes, and they will be hard to move out this season. The slender Johnson logged more playing time than any other Lion. With the erratic Lem Barney at the other corner, and dependable Mike Weger at safety, the Lions finished tied with Atlanta for second in professional football



A new surge by Steve Owens can help assure Lions' comeback.

Quarterback Bill Munson

Wide Receiver Ron Jessie

Safety Dick Jauron

Defensive Tackle Herb Orvis

in interceptions (behind Washington).

Detroit has an old story of finishing second, or worse, since winning the NFL title in 1956, but this is not an "old" team. The Lions were dismally mediocre last season—thirteenth in the NFL on offense, thirteenth on defense, but youth may be served with this painful baptism. Their top draft choice of three years ago, for instance, the 6-foot 5-inch defensive tackle out of Colorado, Herb Orvis, was the club's most valuable player as a sophomore. Tackle Bob Bell showed signs of greatness in his third year. Old hand Larry Hand, a stalwart at one end, and Ken Sanders, after two years, is a solid pairing. If they all can stay healthy, this defense could bring back memories of Alex Karras and Joe Schmidt.

The Lions' linebackers need no apologies with Paul Naumoff and Charlie Weaver on the corners. Weaver was one of the pleasant developments of last season, taking over from Wayne Walker, who retired, with a series of big plays.

Nevertheless, there figures to be some stress in the linebacking department during the preseason. Detroit chose a great one as its first draft choice, Ed O'Neil

of Penn State, who is used to winning. O'Neil is 6-foot 3-inches and 235 pounds. Also, while Lucci, who subsequently retired, was injured, another Penn Stater, Jim Laslavic, subbed admirably in the middle.

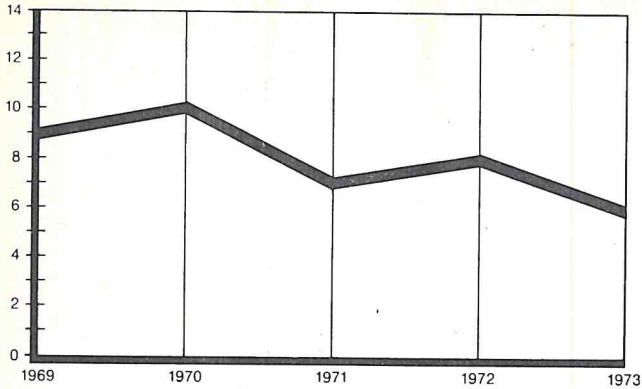
The saddest story of 1973 was the fall from excellence of the Detroit offense, which may be explained by the absence of quarterback Landry (knee) the last half of the season. The Lions have one of the finest sets of receivers in the NFL in wide men Ron Jessie, Larry Walton, Earl McCullouch, and tight end Charlie Sanders. These are championship players. As a consequence, Detroit never took a receiver until the eleventh round of the draft, and only two after that.

The Detroit offensive line is "anchored"—and that is indeed the word—by center Ed Flanagan, one of the vastly underrated players in the league. Tackles Jim Yarbrough (among the injured last year) and Rocky Freitas lead a charge that had Lions running backs ranking behind only Los Angeles, Dallas, and Minnesota.

These runners include Altie Taylor and Steve Owens and a swift rookie from Texas Arlington named Dexter Bussey. There is also some hope that Oklahoman Leon Crosswhite, a disappointment as a rookie, will find himself in his sophomore year, as Owens did.

The Lions have a double-barreled attack in field goal kicking. Errol Mann is the premier kicker with 13 of 19, but Jim O'Brien was called on 14 times and connected on 8. O'Brien, of course, is the guy who won McCafferty's Super Bowl for him in a few last seconds at Miami. He plays split end at other times. The other part of the kicking game is more than adequate with Herman Weaver's 43.2 average as a punter.

But the Lions' fate, and the Lions' hope, ultimately comes down to the talents of 6-foot 4-inch quarterback Landry. Landry was the Lions' second-leading rusher in 1972, the year before McCafferty arrived, with 524 yards and an average of over six yards a carry. He still averaged more than six yards a carry in the limited time he performed last season. He was still running the option play with the pitchout and this may become



Lions Victories Last Five Years

the harbinger of the seventies quarterback as the game evolves.

The judgment has to be that Detroit is a much better team than its 6-7-1 record of last season. As McCafferty says, "We have fine talent coming back, and new talent coming in. The job is to play up to our potential."

NOTES—McCafferty's rationale for winning the NFC Central Division is simple: "You have to beat the teams in your division, and some of the top teams you play. We didn't do this." The Lions have not beaten Minnesota home or away since 1967, a streak of 12 games. Otherwise, the Lions fared well enough, splitting with Green Bay and beating Chicago twice... Detroit's biggest difficulty, says McCafferty, was inconsistency. "We'd score forty points one week, and then give up almost as many a couple of weeks later." ...In addition to Mann and O'Brien, McCafferty also intends to give Efren Herrera, a soccer-style kicker from UCLA, a look...He was the first placekicker chosen in the draft, and McCafferty likes his strong leg...The Lions' out-of-conference opposition is formidable: AFC West winner Oakland, AFC Central titlist Cincinnati, and Denver...Last year was Detroit's first losing season since 1968, when the Lions finished 4-8-2.

Stadium: **Tiger Stadium (Grass; 54,418)** Colors: **Honolulu Blue and Silver**

THE COACHING STAFF

Don McCafferty, after one season at the helm of Detroit, is still known as the "easy rider" who led Baltimore to its only Super Bowl title in his first year as a head coach. To critics of his Colts' 16-13 defeat of Dallas in 1970, McCafferty says: "The people who say that was a lousy game can tell you the name of the Unknown Soldier." McCafferty played in college for Paul Brown at Ohio State, then was an assistant for 21 years before taking over at Baltimore. He is assisted at Detroit by Ed Khayat, defensive line; John Meyer, linebackers; Bob Hollway, secondary; Leon McLaughlin, offensive line; Rick Forzano, backfield; and Raymond Berry, receivers. The trainers are Kent Falb and Bruce Scott. Roy Macklem and Wayne Cox are the equip. managers.

1974 SCHEDULE

PRESEASON

Aug. 5	at Kansas City	8:00
Aug. 9	at Baltimore	8:00
Aug. 16	OAKLAND	8:00
Aug. 26	at Cincinnati	9:00
Aug. 30	at Buffalo	8:00
Sept. 7	CLEVELAND	8:00

REGULAR SEASON

Sept. 15	at Chicago	1:00
Sept. 22	MINNESOTA	1:00
Sept. 29	vs. Green Bay (Milwaukee)	1:00
Oct. 6	at Los Angeles	1:00
Oct. 14	SAN FRANCISCO (Monday)	9:00
Oct. 20	at Minnesota	1:00
Oct. 27	GREEN BAY	1:00
Nov. 3	NEW ORLEANS	1:00
Nov. 10	at Oakland	1:00
Nov. 17	NEW YORK GIANTS	1:00
Nov. 24	CHICAGO	1:00
Nov. 28	DENVER (Thanksgiving)	12:30
Dec. 8	at Cincinnati	1:00
Dec. 15	at Philadelphia	1:00

1974 LIONS VETERAN ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Exp.	College	Games in 1973
86	Barnes, Al	WR	6-1	170	25	4	New Mexico State	11
20	Barney, Lem	CB	6-0	188	28	8	Jackson State	14
73	Bell, Bob	DT	6-4	250	26	4	Cincinnati	13
17	Cappleman, Bill	QB	6-3	210	27	3	Florida State	7
35	Crosswhite, Leon	RB	6-2	215	23	2	Oklahoma	8
	Davis, Ben (1)	CB	5-11	180	28	7	Defiance	13
60	Dennis, Guy	G	6-2	255	26	6	Florida	10
51	Evans, Mike (2)	C	6-5	250	28	7	Boston College	14
27	Farr, Miller	CB	6-1	190	31	10	Wichita State	6
54	Flanagan, Ed	C	6-3	245	30	10	Purdue	14
76	Freitas, Rockne	T	6-6	270	28	7	Oregon State	14
77	Haggerty, Mike	T	6-3	245	28	8	Miami	3
74	Hand, Larry	DE	6-4	250	34	10	Appalachian State	14
58	Hennigan, Mike	LB	6-2	210	22	2	Tennessee Tech	8
81	Hilton, John	TE	6-5	225	32	10	Richmond	14
30	Hooks, Jim	RB	5-11	225	22	2	Central State, Oklahoma	11
26	Jauron, Dick	S	6-0	190	23	2	Yale	14
89	Jessie, Ron	WR	6-0	183	26	4	Kansas	14
23	Johnson, Levi	CB	6-3	190	23	2	Texas A&I	14
64	Jolley, Gordon	T	6-5	250	25	3	Utah	14
66	Kowalkowski, Bob	G	6-3	240	30	9	Virginia	14
11	Landry, Greg	QB	6-4	210	27	7	Massachusetts	7
52	Laslavic, Jim	LB	6-2	230	22	2	Penn State	14
12	Mann, Errol	K	6-0	200	33	7	North Dakota	8
25	McCullouch, Earl	WR	5-11	175	28	7	USC	11
83	Mitchell, Jim	DE	6-3	245	25	5	Virginia State	9
19	Munson, Bill	QB	6-2	210	33	11	Utah State	10
50	Naumoff, Paul	LB	6-1	215	29	8	Tennessee	14
45	O'Brien, Jim	WR-K	6-0	195	27	5	Cincinnati	10
80	Orvis, Herb	DT	6-5	240	27	3	Colorado	14
36	Owens, Steve	RB	6-2	215	26	5	Oklahoma	12
72	Price, Ernie	DT	6-4	255	23	2	Texas A&I	12
67	Rasley, Rocky	G	6-3	255	27	5	Oregon State	14
47	Rasmussen, Wayne (3)	S	6-2	180	32	10	South Dakota State	0
46	Redmond, Rudy (4)	CB	6-1	190	27	5	Pacific	0
88	Sanders, Charlie	TE	6-4	225	28	7	Minnesota	14
82	Sanders, Ken	DE	6-5	240	24	3	Howard Payne	14
84	Small, John	DT	6-4	260	27	5	Citadel	1
42	Taylor, Altie	RB	5-10	200	26	6	Utah State	13
57	Teal, Jim	LB	6-3	225	24	2	Purdue	14
21	Thrower, Jim	CB	6-2	195	25	5	East Texas State	10
63	Walton, Chuck	G	6-3	255	33	8	Iowa State	4
49	Walton, Larry	WR	6-0	185	27	6	Arizona State	13
59	Weaver, Charlie	LB	6-2	218	25	4	USC	13
18	Weaver, Herman	P	6-4	210	25	5	Tennessee	14
28	Weger, Mike	S	6-2	200	28	8	Bowling Green	12
40	Wyatt, Doug	S	6-1	195	27	5	Tulsa	6
75	Yarbrough, Jim	T	6-5	265	27	6	Florida	10
34	Zofko, Mickey	RB	6-1	195	25	4	Auburn	8

(1) Played 13 games with Cleveland in 1973
(2) Played 14 games with Philadelphia in 1973
(3) Missed entire 1973 season because of injury
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TOP DRAFT CHOICES

Round	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Exp.	College
1	O'Neil, Ed	LB	6-3	235	21	R	Penn State
2	Howard, Billy	DT	6-4	245	24	R	Alcorn A&M
3	Bussey, Dexter	RB	6-1	195	22	R	Texas-Arlington
5	Capria, Carl	S	6-3	185	22	R	Purdue
6	Burden, Willie	RB	5-11	200	23	R	North Carolina State

1973 LEADERS

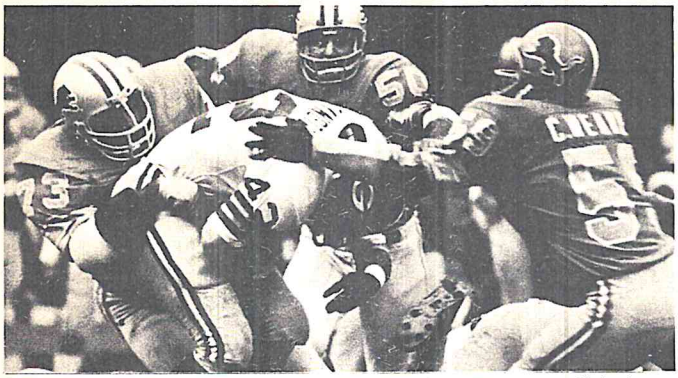
Rushing (yards)	Altie Taylor	719
Passing (percentage)	Bill Munson	50.8
Passing (yards)	Bill Munson	1,129
Passing (touchdowns)	Bill Munson	9
Receiving (number)	Charlie Sanders	28
Receiving (yards)	Charlie Sanders	433
Interceptions (number)	Levi Johnson	5
Punting (average)	Herman Weaver	43.2
Punt Returns (average)	Lem Barney	8.6
Kickoff Returns (average)	Dick Jauron	23.8
Field Goals	Errol Mann	13
Touchdowns	Altie Taylor and Larry Walton	5
Points	Errol Mann	53

RECENT TRADES

A draft choice to Cleveland for cornerback Ben Davis.
Running back Mel Farr to Houston for a draft choice.

Safety Willie Germany to Philadelphia for center Mike Evans.

Center Dave Thompson and Detroit's first round choice in 1973 to New Orleans for its first round choice in the 1973 draft.



The defense rebuilds around Bob Bell (73), Paul Naumoff (50).

The 6-7-1 Season of 1973

SEPT. 16 With score tied 10-10 in final period, Bradshaw threw touchdowns to Shanklin and McMakin. *Pittsburgh 24, Detroit 10.*

SEPT. 23 After Taylor's touchdown run, Marcol tied Lions on 24-yard field goal with only 0:19 to play. *Detroit 13, Green Bay 13.*

OCT. 1 Walton and Jessie each caught Falcons by surprise with double reverse plays good for touchdowns. *Detroit 31, Atlanta 6.*

OCT. 7 Marinaro scored two touchdowns and Vikings won eleventh straight over Lions since 1967. *Minnesota 23, Detroit 9.*

OCT. 14 Saints achieved mild upset when Butler scored winning touchdown with 39 seconds to play. *New Orleans 20, Detroit 13.*

OCT. 21 Colts raced to 29-13 lead and spoiled Lions coach McCafferty's debut against his old team. *Baltimore 29, Detroit 27.*

OCT. 28 In aftermath of owner Ford's outburst about their play, aroused Lions overwhelmed Packers. *Detroit 34, Green Bay 0.*

NOV. 4 Munson started first game as Lions QB in three years, passed for two touchdowns to Walton. *Detroit 30, San Francisco 20.*

NOV. 11 Vikings hex continued; with score 7-7, Hilgenberg scored go-ahead touchdown on blocked punt. *Minnesota 28, Detroit 7.*

NOV. 18 Jauron, college running back playing in Lions secondary, scored 95-yard interception touchdown. *Detroit 30, Chicago 7.*

NOV. 22 Lions offense fell apart; alert Redskins defense set up two scores in Thanksgiving Day game. *Washington 20, Detroit 0.*

DEC. 2 Fourth-quarter Munson-to-Sanders touchdown pass pushed rebounding Lions past Cardinals. *Detroit 20, St. Louis 16.*

DEC. 9 Munson passed for touchdowns to Jessie and Barnes, and Farr ran for pair of touchdowns. *Detroit 40, Chicago 7.*

DEC. 15 Warfield shredded Lions secondary for first-half touchdown catches of 21, 7, 16, and 4 yards in rout. *Miami 34, Detroit 7.*

LIONS RECORDS

SCORING

Most Points
- Lifetime – 534, Doak Walker
- Season – 128, Doak Walker, 1950
- Game – 24, Cloyce Box vs. Baltimore, Dec. 3, 1950

Most Touchdowns
- Lifetime – 38, Terry Barr
- Season – 15, Cloyce Box, 1952
- Game – 4, Cloyce Box vs. Baltimore, Dec. 3, 1950

Most Points After Touchdown Made
- Lifetime – 183, Doak Walker
- Season – 43, Doak Walker, 1951, 1954
- Game – 7, Doak Walker vs. N. Y. Yanks, Nov. 23, 1950
  Doak Walker vs. Green Bay, Nov. 22, 1951

Most Field Goals Made
- Lifetime – 101, Errol Mann
- Season – 25, Errol Mann, 1969
- Game – 6, Garo Yepremian vs. Minnesota, Nov. 13, 1966

Longest Field Goal
- 54, Glenn Presnell vs. Green Bay, Oct. 7, 1934

RUSHING

Most Attempts
- Lifetime – 938, Nick Pietrosante
- Season – 246, Steve Owens, 1971
- Game – 29, Mel Farr vs. Green Bay, Oct. 20, 1968

Most Yards Gained
- Lifetime – 3,933, Nick Pietrosante
- Season – 1,035, Steve Owens, 1971
- Game – 198, Bob Hoernschemeyer vs. N. Y. Yanks, Nov. 23, 1950

Most Games, 100 or More Yards
- Lifetime – 6, Nick Pietrosante
- Season – 3, Nick Pietrosante, 1960

Longest Run From Scrimmage
- 96, Bob Hoernschemeyer vs. N. Y. Yanks, Nov. 23, 1950

PASSING

Most Passes Attempted
- Lifetime – 2,193, Bobby Layne
- Season – 336, Bobby Layne, 1950
- Game – 49, Harry Gilmer vs. N. Y. Giants, Dec. 11, 1955

Most Passes Completed
- Lifetime – 1,074, Bobby Layne
- Season – 181, Bill Munson, 1968
- Game – 26, Bobby Layne vs. Los Angeles, Oct. 9, 1955
  Bill Munson vs. Baltimore, Nov. 10, 1968

Most Yards Gained
- Lifetime – 15,710, Bobby Layne
- Season – 2,621, Earl Morrall, 1963
- Game – 374, Bobby Layne vs. Chi. Bears, Nov. 5, 1950

Longest Pass Completion
- 99, Karl Sweetan to Pat Studstill vs. Baltimore, Oct. 16, 1966

Most Touchdown Passes
- Lifetime – 118, Bobby Layne
- Season – 26, Bobby Layne, 1951
- Game – 4, Frank Sinkwich vs. Chi. Bears, Nov. 19, 1944
  Bobby Layne vs. Chi. Bears, Nov. 11, 1951
  Bobby Layne vs. Green Bay, Nov. 22, 1951
  Bobby Layne vs. Chi. Bears, Dec. 7, 1952
  Tobin Rote vs. San Francisco, Nov. 3, 1957
  Milt Plum vs. San Francisco, Sept. 23, 1962
  Earl Morrall vs. San Francisco, Nov. 3, 1963
  Greg Landry vs. Green Bay, Oct. 10, 1972

PASS RECEPTIONS

Most Pass Receptions
- Lifetime – 325, Gail Cogdill
- Season – 67, Pat Studstill, 1966
- Game – 12, Cloyce Box vs. Baltimore, Dec. 3, 1950

Most Yards Gained
- Lifetime – 5,220, Gail Cogdill
- Season – 1,266, Pat Studstill, 1966
- Game – 302, Cloyce Box vs. Baltimore, Dec. 3, 1950

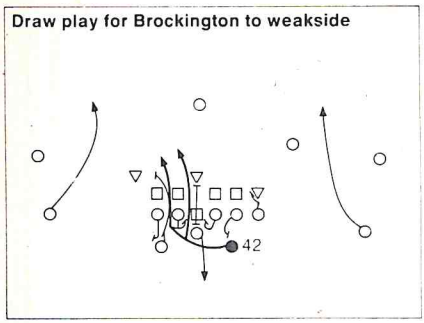
Most Touchdown Passes
- Lifetime – 35, Terry Barr
- Season – 15, Cloyce Box, 1952
- Game – 4, Cloyce Box vs. Baltimore, Dec. 3, 1950

INTERCEPTIONS

Most Interceptions By
- Lifetime – 62, Dick LeBeau
- Season – 12, Don Doll, 1950
  Jack Christiansen, 1953
- Game – 4, Don Doll vs. Chi. Cardinals, Oct. 23, 1949

Longest Return
- 102, Bob Smith vs. Chi. Bears, Nov. 24, 1949

GREEN BAY PACKERS

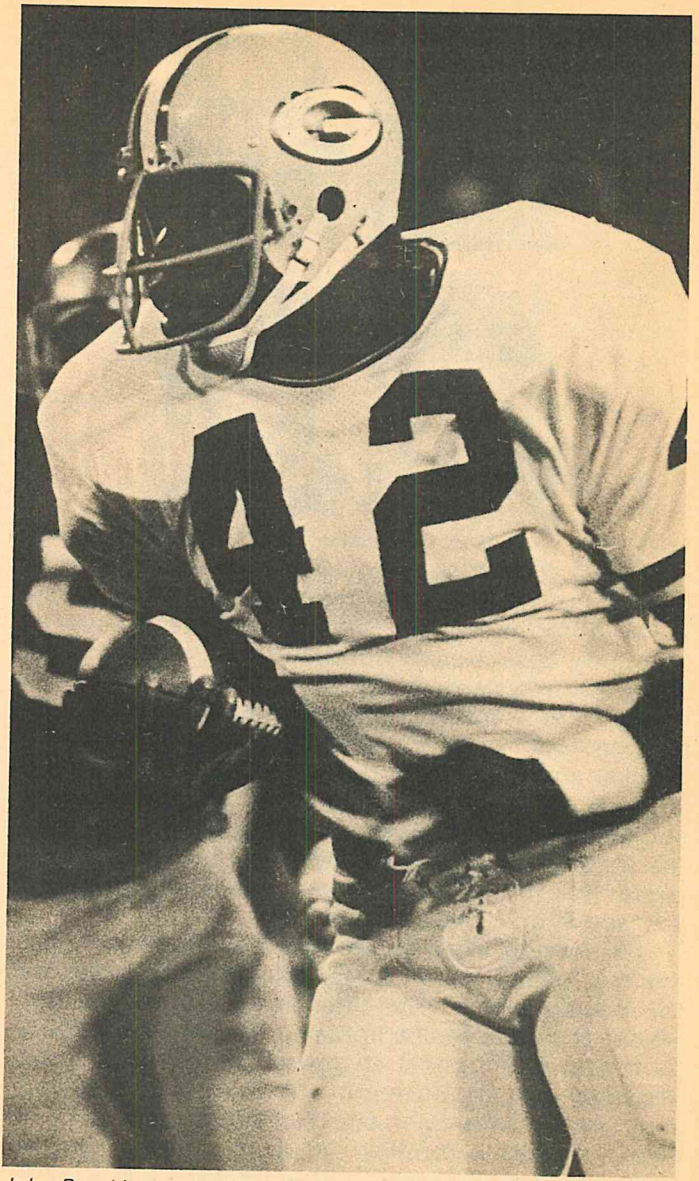


In his three seasons as head man at Green Bay, Dan Devine has learned—or should have learned—you cannot play this game without a pro quarterback.

Devine apparrently still hopes that either Jerry Tagge will grow into a true NFL passer or that former Miami Dolphin Jim Del Gaizo can throw as good a game as he talks. Devine will let Tagge and Del Gaizo fight for the starting job. Tagge was the Packers' passing leader last season, but his totals show only two touchdown passes.

This lack of a passing threat leaves Green Bay lopsidedly unbalanced on offense, and even its great running attack cannot take up the slack. John Brockington gets his thousand yards every year for three years (1,144 to lead the NFC last season) and MacArthur Lane gets various hundreds more (528 in '73), but even this double-barreled shot doesn't faze the league's defensive coaches. George Allen, in an audacious gamble at the end of the 1972 season, forecast what was to come for the Packers. Allen sent out a five-man line, the first since the mid-1950s, and dared the Packers to throw on first down. His five linemen stopped Brockington and Lane cold—and the league took note. It may still take note this season unless Tagge or Del Gaizo can loosen them up.

Perhaps on the classic theory of "drafting the best athlete available, regardless of position," the Packers picked more of the same—the 240-pound Barty Smith



John Brockington: 1,000 or more yards three years in a row.

Cornerback Ken Ellis

Linebacker Fred Carr

Tight End Rich McGeorge

Cornerback Willie Buchanon

—as their first-round choice. The 6-foot 3-inch running back from Richmond will assure Devine that he will not run out of Bull Elephants for his ground game.

The other part of the Packers' passing problem is that they lack proven performers at wide receiver. There's young Barry Smith, last season's number-one choice, and Jon Staggers and Leland Glass. At tight end the Pack has a good one, Rich McGeorge, a strong blocker and a rare deep threat. But fullback Lane was Green Bay's top receiver the last two years, which says something about the distance the quarterbacks hurl the football. Regardless of who caught the most, the Green Bay pass offense finished twenty-fourth in net yardage in a 26-team league.

The passing troubles really are a shame, because the rest of the squad is capable of challenging for the championship. The offensive line has Malcolm Snider and Dick Himes at tackle, all-pro Gale Gillingham and Bill Lueck at guard, and young Larry McCarren will be moving in at Ken Bowman's center spot. Along with tight end McGeorge and fullback Lane, this group rounds 'em up and moves 'em out.

The Packers won the Central Division title in 1972

partly because opponents had not yet learned to stack so determinedly against the running game, and partly because the defensive platoon was ferocious. Green Bay led the league in taking away more than the Pack gave away—a plus-17 total in turnovers. That astounding performance sank to a plus-4 last season. Injuries, especially the one that sidelined brilliant cornerback Willie Buchanon, riddled the platoon.

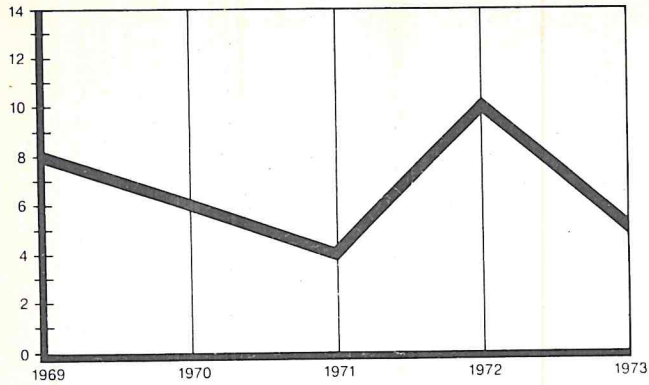
Aaron Brown and Clarence Williams at end and Mike McCoy and Bob Brown at tackle can be a solid unit, if the pass rush can be improved. Devine set as one of his goals the improvement on 29 sacks of the quarterback in 1972. So the Pack sacked 26 last season. This statistic must improve.

Middle linebacker Jim Carter, a 245-pound speedster, is vastly underrated at his spot. The Pack cares how he's rated, but cares more how well he performs. A bonus in this department was the forced education of rookie Tom MacLeod at left linebacker, who started 12 games. With the exciting Fred Carr on the right side, the Packers' linebacking is more than adequate.

That is not enough to say about the Green Bay defensive backfield, perhaps the best in the league. With Buchanon on one corner and all-NFL Ken Ellis at the other, plus safeties Jim Hill and Al Matthews, the Packers' secondary can cause considerable problems for the opposition. Perry Smith started eight games at cornerback—while Buchanon nursed a broken leg—and should have learned a lot the hard way. Veteran speedster Ike Thomas adds depth in this department.

An added factor Devine is counting on this season can best be described as "The Joker Is Wild." The Joker is rookie Steve Odom of Utah, NCAA record holder for running back kickoffs and punts. He is 5-foot 8-inches and 165 pounds and he can fly—4.4 in the 40. Odom holds five college marks, including one where he *averaged* 89.4 yards in kickoff returns. His career kickoff return yardage is 700 yards more than whoever is in second place.

The Packers' kicking chores are in the feet of Chester Marcol (field goals) and Ron Widby. Marcol kicks



Packers Victories Last Five Years

60 percent and Widby punts for a 43.1 average so this department is no worry. Unlike quarterback.

NOTES—The Packers intercepted only 15 passes last year, but that statistic is deceiving...Opponents simply didn't throw into the Packers' secondary with any regularity...Ellis, Hill, and Carter led the team with three steals each...It's not difficult to figure Green Bay's rationale in drafting return specialist Odom. The Packers were last in the NFL in punt returns a year ago, averaging only 4.6 yards with a long return of 26...Packers quarterbacks threw only six touchdown passes last year, two each by Tagge, Del Gaizo, and Scott Hunter...Still, it was not a league low; Buffalo threw only four scoring passes...The Packers' out-of-conference opponents this year are Baltimore, Buffalo, and San Diego...In addition, Green Bay also drew games with NFC opponents Washington and Los Angeles...Smith and Odom were Devine's only two draft choices through five rounds.

Stadium: **Lambeau Field (Grass; 56,263) and Milwaukee County Stadium (Grass; 47,823)**
Colors: **Green and Gold**

THE COACHING STAFF

Dan Devine came out of the college ranks at Missouri three seasons ago and promptly called a full-squad practice session in Texas during the spring. He wanted to see his Packers team in the flesh, and meet them eye to eye. "I want to find out which guys will buy me and which ones won't," he said. "The ones who won't I'll get rid of." Green Bay does it the Devine way. His assistants are Dave (Hawg) Hanner as defensive coordinator, Burt Gustafson for linebackers, Billy Kinard for defensive backs, Hank Kuhlmann for special teams, Red Cochran for offensive backs, Perry Moss for quarterbacks, Rollie Dotsch for offensive line, John Polonchek for receivers, and Johnny Roland and Bill Tobin for special assignments.

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1974 PACKERS VETERAN ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Exp.	College	Games in 1973
27	Austin, Hise	CB	6-4	195	23	2	Prairie View	9
57	Bowman, Ken	C	6-3	245	30	11	Wisconsin	14
71	Branstetter, Kent	T	6-3	260	25	2	Houston	9
42	Brockington, John	RB	6-1	230	25	4	Ohio State	14
74	Brown, Aaron	DE	6-5	270	30	8	Minnesota	8
78	Brown, Bob	DT	6-5	280	34	9	Arkansas AM&N	14
28	Buchanon, Willie	CB	6-0	190	23	3	San Diego State	6
53	Carr, Fred	LB	6-5	240	28	7	Texas-El Paso	14
50	Carter, Jim	LB	6-3	245	26	5	Minnesota	14
12	Del Gaizo, Jim	QB	6-1	198	27	3	Tampa	8
86	Donohoe, Mike	TE	6-3	230	29	5	San Francisco	13
48	Ellis, Ken	CB	5-10	195	26	5	Southern U.	14
68	Gillingham, Gale	G	6-3	265	30	9	Minnesota	14
46	Glass, Leland	WR	6-0	185	24	3	Oregon	12
25	Goodman, Les	RB	5-11	206	24	2	Yankton, South Dakota	6
21	Hall, Charlie	CB	6-1	190	26	4	Pittsburgh	13
77	Hayhoe, Bill	T	6-8	260	28	6	USC	6
51	Hefner, Larry	LB	6-2	230	25	3	Clemson	14
39	Hill, Jim	S	6-2	195	27	6	Texas A&I	13
72	Himes, Dick	T	6-4	260	28	7	Ohio State	14
16	Hunter, Scott	QB	6-2	210	25	4	Alabama	8
55	Jenke, Noel	LB	6-1	225	27	4	Minnesota	2
30	Krause, Larry	RB	6-0	208	26	5	St. Norbert	14
44	Kroll, Bob (1)	S	6-1	195	24	2	Northern Michigan	0
36	Lane, MacArthur	RB	6-1	220	32	7	Utah State	13
62	Lueck, Bill	G	6-4	250	28	7	Arizona	14
13	Marcol, Chester	K	6-0	190	25	3	Hillsdale	14
29	Matthews, Al	S	5-11	190	26	5	Texas A&I	14
56	MacLeod, Tom	LB	6-3	225	23	2	Minnesota	11
24	McBride, Ron	RB	6-0	200	25	2	Missouri	1
54	McCarren, Larry	C	6-3	240	23	2	Illinois	5
76	McCoy, Mike	DT	6-5	285	25	5	Notre Dame	14
81	McGeorge, Rich	TE	6-4	230	25	5	Elon	14
82	Mosier, John (2)	TE	6-3	220	25	4	Wichita	3
70	Nystrom, Lee (3)	T	6-5	258	23	2	MacAlester	0
73	Oats, Carleton	DT	6-3	260	31	10	Florida A&M	8
75	Pureifory, Dave	DE	6-1	250	24	3	Eastern Michigan	13
87	Roche, Alden	DE	6-4	255	28	5	Southern U.	13
80	Smith, Barry	WR	6-1	190	23	2	Florida State	14
45	Smith, Perry	CB	6-1	195	23	2	Colorado State	8
67	Snider, Malcolm	G-T	6-4	250	27	6	Stanford	14
22	Staggers, Jon	WR	5-10	180	25	5	Missouri	14
85	Staroba, Paul	WR	6-3	204	25	3	Michigan	2
17	Tagge, Jerry	QB	6-2	215	24	3	Nebraska	7
37	Thomas, Ike	CB-WR	6-2	195	26	3	Bishop	13
59	Toner, Tom	LB	6-3	235	24	2	Idaho State	14
	Wicks, Bob (4)	WR	6-3	195	24	2	Utah State	0
20	Widby, Ron	P	6-4	220	29	7	Tennessee	12
83	Williams, Clarence	DE	6-5	255	27	5	Prairie View	14
31	Williams, Perry	RB	6-2	225	27	6	Purdue	14
58	Withrow, Cal	C	6-0	230	29	5	Kentucky	14
65	Wortman, Keith	G	6-2	250	24	3	Nebraska	8

(1) Missed entire 1973 season because of injury
(2) Played 3 games with New England in 1973
(3) Active one game in 1973 but did not play
(4) Last active with St. Louis in 1972

TOP DRAFT CHOICES

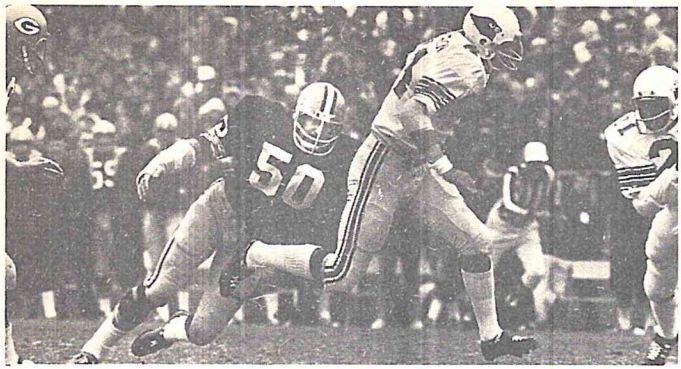
Round	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Exp.	College
1	Smith, Barty	RB	6-3	240	21	R	Richmond
5	Odom, Steve	WR	5-8	165	21	R	Utah
6	Woods, Don	RB	6-1	191	22	R	New Mexico
6a	Payne, Ken	WR	6-1	185	23	R	Langston, Okla.
7	Purvis, Bart	G	6-4	240	22	R	Maryland

1973 LEADERS

Rushing (yards)	John Brockington	1,144
Passing (percentage)	Jerry Tagge	52.8
Passing (yards)	Jerry Tagge	720
Passing (touchdowns)	Jim Del Gaizo, Scott Hunter, and Jerry Tagge	2
Receiving (number)	MacArthur Lane	27
Receiving (yards)	Jon Staggers	412
Interceptions (number)	Jim Carter, Ken Ellis, and Jimmy Hill	3
Punting (average)	Ron Widby	43.1
Punt Returns (average)	Jon Staggers	4.7
Kickoff Returns (average)	Ike Thomas	22.9
Field Goals	Chester Marcol	21
Touchdowns	Jon Staggers	4
Points	Chester Marcol	82

RECENT TRADES

None



The new leader of Packers linebackers is number 50, Jim Carter.

The 5-7-2 Season of 1973

SEPT. 17 Packers defense contained Namath; Brockington, McGeorge scored two touchdowns. *Green Bay 23, New York Jets 7.*

SEPT. 23 After Lions took 13-10 lead on Taylor run, Marcol kicked tying field goal with 0:19 left. *Green Bay 13, Detroit 13.*

SEPT. 30 Though holding Vikings without touchdown, Packers could not ward off Page's rushes. *Minnesota 11, Green Bay 3.*

OCT. 7 In first regular season game at Yale Bowl, Marcol kicked winning field goal at final gun. *Green Bay 16, New York Giants 14.*

OCT. 14 Despite outgaining Chiefs 315 yards to 149, Packers bogged down and had to settle for tie. *Green Bay 10, Kansas City 10.*

OCT. 21 Dryer terrorized Packers with two safeties; Buchanon was lost for year with broken ankle. *Los Angeles 24, Green Bay 7.*

OCT. 28 Packers managed just 89 yards against suddenly stingy Lion defense, aroused by owner's blast. *Detroit 34, Green Bay 0.*

NOV. 4 Winless streak reached four; Douglass ran for four touchdowns, 100 yards and passed for 118. *Chicago 31, Green Bay 17.*

NOV. 11 Packers built 22-7 halftime lead then held off furious fourth-quarter comeback behind Hart. *Green Bay 25, St. Louis 21.*

NOV. 18 Packers lost 17-9 lead when Plunkett passed to Rucker for touchdown and scored himself. *New England 33, Green Bay 24.*

NOV. 26 Marcol provided only offense with two field goals; Spurrier led fourth-quarter 49ers rally. *San Francisco 20, Green Bay 6.*

DEC. 2 Packers defense intercepted four passes, two for touchdowns by Matthews and Carter. *Green Bay 30, New Orleans 10.*

DEC. 8 Tarkenton passed for two touchdowns and Bryant intercepted three passes, one for touchdown. *Minnesota 31, Green Bay 7.*

DEC. 16 Tagge threw first two touchdown passes of year; Brockington earned his fifth 100-yard game. *Green Bay 21, Chicago 0.*

PACKERS RECORDS

SCORING

Most Points
- Lifetime – 823, Don Hutson
- Season – 176, Paul Hornung, 1960
- Game – 33, Paul Hornung vs. Baltimore, Oct. 8, 1961

Most Touchdowns
- Lifetime – 105, Don Hutson
- Season – 19, Jim Taylor, 1962
- Game – 5, Paul Hornung vs. Baltimore, Oct. 8, 1961

Most Points After Touchdown Made
- Lifetime – 200, Fred Cone
- Season – 43, Jerry Kramer, 1963
- Game – 8, Don Chandler vs. Atlanta, Oct. 23, 1966

Most Field Goals Made
- Lifetime – 66, Paul Hornung
- Season – 33, Chester Marcol, 1972
- Game – 4, Paul Hornung vs. Pittsburgh, Oct. 30, 1960
  Paul Hornung vs. Minnesota, Oct. 23, 1961
  Jerry Kramer vs. Pittsburgh, Nov. 3, 1963
  Chester Marcol vs. Cleveland, Sept. 17, 1972
  Chester Marcol vs. Detroit, Dec. 3, 1972
  Chester Marcol vs. St. Louis, Nov. 11, 1973

Longest Field Goal
- 52, Ted Fritsch vs. N. Y. Yanks, Oct. 8, 1930

RUSHING

Most Attempts
- Lifetime – 1,811, Jim Taylor
- Season – 274, John Brockington, 1972
- Game – 32, Jim Grabowski vs. Chi. Bears, Sept. 24, 1967

Most Yards Gained
- Lifetime – 8,207, Jim Taylor
- Season – 1,474, Jim Taylor, 1962
- Game – 186, Jim Taylor vs. N. Y. Giants, Dec. 3, 1961

Most Games, 100 or More Yards
- Lifetime – 26, Jim Taylor
- Season – 7, Jim Taylor, 1962

Longest Run From Scrimmage
- 97, Andy Uram vs. Chi. Cardinals, Oct. 8, 1939

PASSING

Most Passes Attempted
- Lifetime – 3,149, Bart Starr
- Season – 382, Tobin Rote, 1954
- Game – 46, Bart Starr vs. Baltimore, Oct. 12, 1958

Most Passes Completed
- Lifetime – 1,808, Bart Starr
- Season – 180, Tobin Rote, 1954
- Game – 26, Bart Starr vs. Baltimore, Oct. 12, 1958

Most Yards Gained
- Lifetime – 23,718, Bart Starr
- Season – 2,438, Bart Starr, 1962
- Game – 410, Don Horn vs. St. Louis, Dec. 21, 1969

Longest Pass Completion
- 96, Tobin Rote to Billy Grimes vs. San Francisco, Dec. 10, 1950

Most Touchdown Passes
- Lifetime – 152, Bart Starr
- Season – 24, Cecil Isbell, 1942
- Game – 5, Cecil Isbell vs. Cleveland Rams, Nov. 1, 1942
  Don Horn vs. St. Louis, Dec. 21, 1969

PASS RECEPTIONS

Most Pass Receptions
- Lifetime – 489, Don Hutson
- Season – 74, Don Hutson, 1942
- Game – 14, Don Hutson vs. N. Y. Giants, Nov. 22, 1942

Most Yards Gained
- Lifetime – 8,010, Don Hutson
- Season – 1,231, Bill Howton, 1952
- Game – 257, Bill Howton vs. Los Angeles Oct. 21, 1956

Most Touchdown Passes
- Lifetime – 100, Don Hutson
- Season – 17, Don Hutson, 1942
- Game – 4, Don Hutson vs. Detroit, Oct. 7, 1945

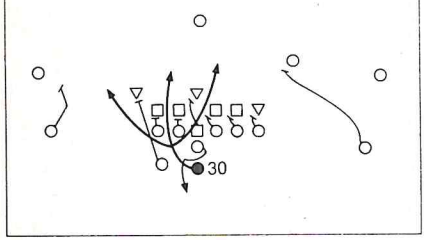
INTERCEPTIONS

Most Interceptions By
- Lifetime – 52, Bobby Dillon
- Season – 10, Irv Comp, 1943
- Game – 4, Bobby Dillon vs. Detroit, Nov. 26, 1953

Longest Return
- 106, Al Carmichael vs. Chi. Bears, Oct. 7, 1956

LOS ANGELES RAMS

McCutcheon's best play: slant to weakside

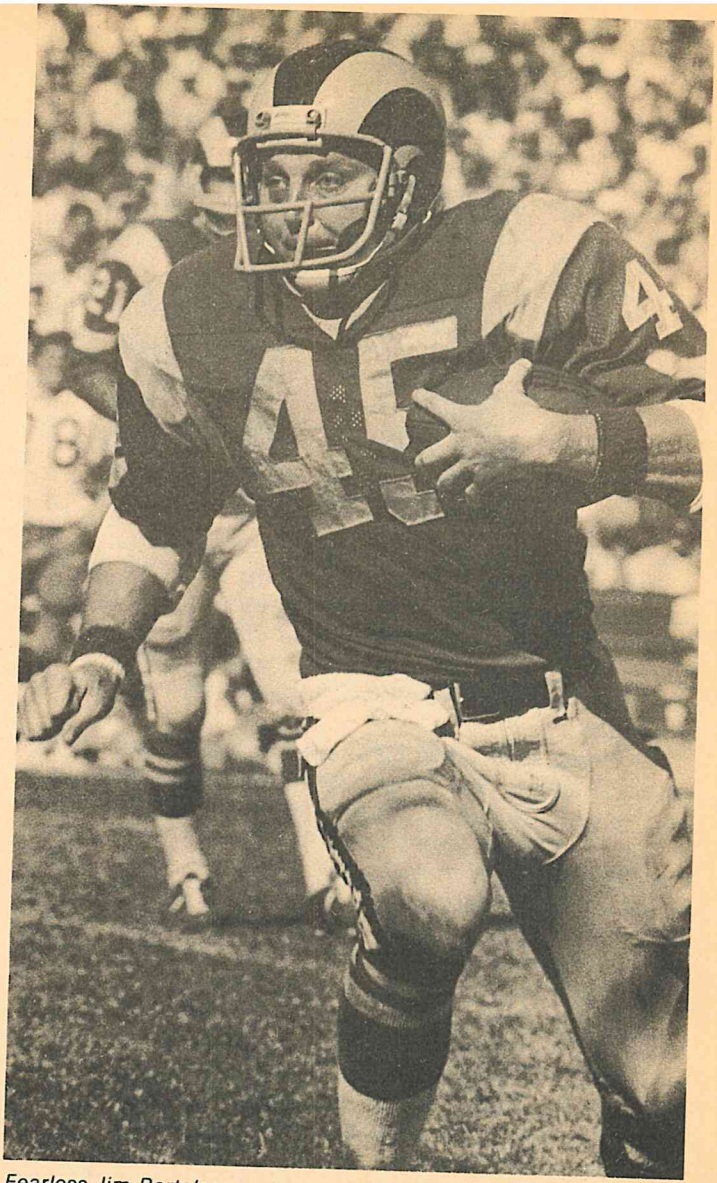


The Los Angeles Rams hardly have any room for improvement, coming off a 12-victory season—highest total in the history of the franchise—and a Western Division title. Further, the Rams have reason to believe that only a series of freak plays in Dallas kept them from the Super Bowl.

"We did something in that game we hadn't done all year," says coach Chuck Knox. "We turned the ball over the first two times we had it. That's not our game. We led the whole league in takeaways with a plus-eighteen." The Rams fought back from a 14-0 deficit to within one point, then yielded a long bomb down the middle when safety Steve Preece misjudged his try for an interception.

"That's history," Knox says, waving a hand. "The only importance of last season is that it gives us a foundation to build on." By foundation, Knox means confidence. The Rams, an appealing mixture of old gray heads and fiery youth, went into training camp this summer in a totally different frame of mind from a year ago. Knox was getting his first shot at a head coaching job, there was a new quarterback—in fact, a whole new way of doing things, and the squad could only hope that it would work.

Knox and his staff put together the NFL's number one offense *and* its number one defense, a rare double. Some key ingredients on both platoons are going to get better before they get worse—including



Fearless Jim Bertelsen was one reason Rams led NFC in rushing.

Linebacker Ken Geddes

Wide Receiver Harold Jackson

Quarterback John Hadl

Defensive End Fred Dryer

the running attack and the youthful pass defense.

Some things remained the same with the Rams, particularly the club's slam-bang, tenacious defense, but some other important things changed. The Rams' offensive style is tied to a brutal running game, and a cool, old quarterback who knows when to go for the bomb.

It's ironic that John Hadl was a harsh critic of his previous team, San Diego, because of the emphasis on the ground game. Then Hadl came to the Rams last year, passed fewer times than any other regular quarterback, and never said a discouraging word. "There's no mystery there," Hadl says. "It's simple. We were losers at San Diego. We're winning here. It won't matter to me if we don't throw one pass the entire game. I'm in love with the scoreboard."

Hadl can also love another ramification of Knox's strategy. Though Hadl passed comparatively seldom, he ended the year with the highest average gain per completion, almost 15 yards a catch.

His favorite target is Harold Jackson, with a 21.9-yard reception average—best among NFC receivers. Veteran Jack Snow at the other wide spot and tight end

Bob Klein can also be dangerous deep.

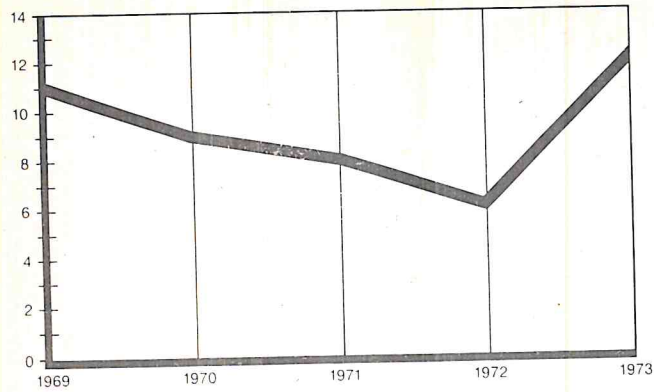
Rookie Lawrence McCutcheon, with a team record 1,097-yard year, was a delightful surprise to the Rams. He paired with second-year man Jim Bertelsen, a deceptively tough, slashing runner. This pair will get a challenge for playing time from the club's top draftee, Penn State's Heisman trophy winner, John Cappelletti. Backups Les Josephson, Rob Scribner, and Tony Baker make this group as deep in talent as any offensive backfield in the league. Hadl may indeed decline to throw at all some Sunday.

What makes all of it go, of course, is the Rams' veteran and smooth-working offensive line—tackles Charlie Cowan and John Williams, guards Tom Mack and Joe Scibelli, and center Ken Iman. They have a total experience of 49 years in the NFL.

Rams defenders are babes by comparison. Except for tackle Merlin Olsen and cornerback Charlie Stukes, none has more than five years in the league. Knox gambled on youth and won, especially with Florida State rookie Eddie McMillan at right cornerback. He'll be there for many years. Safeties Dave Elmendorf and Steve Preece must fight off a bid by Cullen Bryant, the top draftee of a year ago, and by rookie Bill Simpson of Michigan State.

The Rams are sound contenders on all counts for the Super Bowl. The only thing lacking is playoff experience for the younger members, and they got a taste of that last season.

NOTES—Among the Rams' intangibles is the leavening influence of a key group of veteran players. "Hadl, Olsen, Scibelli, and Cowan," says Chuck Knox, "give us a lot of help with their great leadership."...Rams coaches will stress more aggressive kicking teams this season, especially on punt coverage which gave up almost 11 yards per kick last season...Punter Dave Chapple, who averaged only 40.8, must turn back a group of challengers to keep his job...Merlin Olsen in his thirteenth season is operating with a new Fearsome Foursome: tackle Larry Brooks and ends Jack Youngblood and Fred Dryer...The brightest hope of



Rams Victories Last Five Years

the Rams' defense is the continued growth of the linebackers, Jack Reynolds in the middle, flanked by Isiah Robertson and Ken Geddes. Geddes and Robertson are only in their fourth seasons...The Rams should be helped considerably by a comparatively easy schedule. Of the seven out-of-division opponents, only four (Buffalo, Denver, Minnesota, and Washington) rate as contenders...The Rams ran the ball so much last season they set a record for attempts (659) to erase a mark dating back to 1934...The Rams' kickoff return specialists are second-year men Cullen Bryant and Rob Scribner. They both averaged 28 yards...Punt return ace Jim Bertelsen will get a challenge from rookie Bill Simpson, who had that job at Michigan State.

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THE COACHING STAFF

Charles Robert Knox has an enviable "lifetime" head coaching record in the NFL: 12-2. Knox, 42, labored 19 seasons—in high school, college, and pro coaching ranks—before his "overnight" success. His specialty as an offensive line coach, with the Jets and with Detroit, has much to do with the Rams' success at running the football. His assistants are Ken Meyer, offensive coordinator; Elijah Pitts, offensive backs; Ray Prochaska, offensive line; Leeman Bennett, receivers; Ray Malavasi, defensive coordinator; Jack Faulkner, special assistant; Tom Catlin, linebackers; Jim Wagstaff, defensive backfield; and Ed Alsman, special assignments. Gary Tuthill and George Menefee are the trainers, Don Hewitt the equipment manager.

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37	Drake, Bill	S-WR	6-1	195	24	2	Oregon	4
89	Dryer, Fred	DE	6-6	240	28	6	San Diego State	14
42	Elmendorf, Dave	S	6-1	195	25	4	Texas A&M	14
46	Garror, Leon (2)	CB	6-0	174	26	3	Alcorn A&M	4
36	Geddes, Ken	LB	6-3	235	26	4	Nebraska	14
21	Hadl, John	QB	6-1	214	34	13	Kansas	14
12	Harris, James	QB	6-4	210	27	5	Grambling	7
50	Iman, Ken	C	6-1	240	35	14	Southeast Missouri	14
29	Jackson, Harold	WR	5-10	175	28	7	Jackson State	14
34	Josephson, Les	RB	6-1	207	32	10	Augustana	14
52	Kay, Rick	LB	6-4	235	24	2	Colorado	14
80	Klein, Bob	TE	6-5	235	27	6	USC	14
65	Mack, Tom	G	6-3	250	30	9	Michigan	14
30	McCutcheon, L.	RB	6-1	205	24	2	Colorado State	12
41	McMillan, Eddie	CB	6-0	190	22	2	Florida State	14
67	Nelson, Bill	DT	6-7	270	26	4	Oregon State	13
74	Olsen, Merlin	DT	6-5	270	33	13	Utah State	14
72	Olsen, Phil	DT	6-5	265	26	4	Utah State	14
20	Preece, Steve	S	6-1	195	27	6	Oregon State	14
27	Ray, David	K-WR	6-0	195	29	6	Alabama	14
64	Reynolds, Jack	LB	6-1	232	26	5	Tennessee	14
58	Robertson, Isiah	LB	6-3	225	25	4	Southern	14
61	Saul, Rich	C-G	6-3	235	26	5	Michigan State	14
79	Schuh, Harry	T	6-3	260	31	10	Memphis State	14
71	Scibelli, Joe	G	6-0	255	35	14	Notre Dame	14
33	Scribner, Rob	RB	6-0	200	23	2	UCLA	10
38	Smith, Larry	RB	6-3	220	26	6	Florida	14
84	Snow, Jack	WR	6-2	190	31	10	Notre Dame	14
66	Stein, Bob	LB	6-3	235	26	6	Minnesota	13
47	Stukes, Charlie	CB-S	6-3	212	30	8	Maryland State	14
75	Williams, John	T	6-3	256	28	7	Minnesota	14
85	Youngblood, Jack	DE	6-4	250	24	4	Florida	14
53	Youngblood, Jim	LB	6-3	239	24	2	Tennessee Tech	14

(1) Last active with Los Angeles in 1972
(2) Played 4 games with Buffalo in 1973

TOP DRAFT CHOICES

Round	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	NFL Exp.	College
1	Cappelletti, John	RB	6-1	217	21	R	Penn State
2	Simpson, Bill	S-CB	6-1	180	22	R	Michigan State
3	Oliver, Al	T	6-6	270	21	R	UCLA
11	Hayes, Rick	T	6-4	240	22	R	Washington
12	Freberg, Roger	G	6-4	270	21	R	UCLA

1973 LEADERS

Rushing (yards)	Lawrence McCutcheon	1,097
Passing (percentage)	John Hadl	52.3
Passing (yards)	John Hadl	2,008
Passing (touchdowns)	John Hadl	22
Receiving (number)	Harold Jackson	40
Receiving (yards)	Harold Jackson	874
Interceptions (number)	Charlie Stukes	5
Punting (average)	Dave Chapple	40.8
Punt Returns (average)	Jim Bertelsen	10.0
Kickoff Returns (average)	Cullen Bryant	28.4
Field Goals	David Ray	30
Touchdowns	Harold Jackson	13
Points	David Ray	130

RECENT TRADES

Wide receiver Joe Sweet to Washington for Baltimore's ninth round choice held by Washington.

Draft choices to Chicago for rookie tackle Greg Horton.

Dave Elmendorf (42), Jack Youngblood; two of Rams' best tacklers.

The 12-2-0 Season of 1973

SEPT. 16 Bertelsen rushed for 143 yards, McCutcheon 120, and Hadl passed for two touchdowns. *Los Angeles 23, Kansas City 13.*

SEPT. 23 Hadl led attack as Rams scored first Coliseum shutout in their 28 seasons in Los Angeles. *Los Angeles 31, Atlanta 0.*

SEPT. 30 Bryant returned kickoff 93 yards for score, defense intercepted three Brodie passes. *Los Angeles 40, San Francisco 20.*

OCT. 7 Hadl threw three touchdown passes; Rams built 31-12 lead then held off late Oilers rally. *Los Angeles 31, Houston 26.*

OCT. 14 Jackson caught four Hadl touchdown passes in first half, Rams repulsed Cowboys comeback bid. *Los Angeles 37, Dallas 31.*

OCT. 21 DE Dryer established new NFL record by tackling QBs Hunter and Del Gaizo for safeties. *Los Angeles 24, Green Bay 7.*

OCT. 28 Six-game winning streak came to an end as Rams failed to overcome early 10-0 deficit. *Minnesota 10, Los Angeles 9.*

NOV. 4 Rams lost second in row away from home, bowing to five field goals by rookie Mike-Mayer. *Atlanta 15, Los Angeles 13.*

NOV. 11 Bertelsen punt returns gave Rams field position and Ray kicked three field goals. *Los Angeles 29, New Orleans 7.*

NOV. 18 Rams won seventh straight regular-season game from 49ers on Jackson's three scores. *Los Angeles 31, San Francisco 13.*

NOV. 25 Rams came from behind twice to win their first game in New Orleans since 1970. *Los Angeles 24, New Orleans 13.*

DEC. 2 Rams stifled Bears and won NFC West championship, first title since NFL realignment in 1970. *Los Angeles 26, Chicago 0.*

DEC. 10 McCutcheon became only third Ram and sixth NFL rookie to rush for over 1,000 yards. *Los Angeles 40, New York 6.*

DEC. 16 McCutcheon established all-time Rams one-season rushing record with total of 1,097 yards. *Los Angeles 30, Cleveland 17.*

RAMS RECORDS

SCORING

Most Points
Lifetime – 573, Bob Waterfield
Season – 130, David Ray, 1973
Game – 24, Elroy Hirsch vs. N. Y. Yanks, Sept. 28, 1951
Bob Shaw vs. Washington, Dec. 11, 1949
Harold Jackson vs. Dallas, Oct. 14, 1973

Most Touchdowns
Lifetime – 55, Elroy Hirsch
Season – 17, Elroy Hirsch, 1951
Game – 4, Bob Shaw vs. Washington, Dec. 11, 1949
Elroy Hirsch vs. N.Y. Yanks, Sept. 28, 1951
Harold Jackson vs. Dallas, Oct. 14, 1973

Most Points After Touchdown Made
Lifetime – 315, Bob Waterfield
Season – 54, Bob Waterfield, 1950
Game – 9, Bob Waterfield vs. Baltimore, Oct. 22, 1950

Most Field Goals Made
Lifetime – 120, Bruce Gossett
Season – 30, David Ray, 1973
Game – 5, Bob Waterfield vs. Detroit, Dec. 9, 1951

Longest Field Goal
51, Lou Michaels vs. Baltimore, Oct. 16, 1960
Danny Villanueva vs. Dallas, Sept. 30, 1962

RUSHING

Most Attempts
Lifetime – 1,218, Dick Bass
Season – 248, Dick Bass, 1966
Game – 31, Ollie Matson vs. Chi. Bears, Oct. 11, 1959

Most Yards Gained
Lifetime – 5,417, Dick Bass
Season – 1,097, Lawrence McCutcheon, 1973
Game – 247, Willie Ellison vs. New Orleans, Dec. 5, 1971

Most Games, 100 or More Yards
Lifetime – 10, Dan Towler
Dick Bass
Season – 4, Dan Towler, 1951
Dick Bass, 1966
Lawrence McCutcheon, 1973

Longest Run From Scrimmage
92, Kenny Washington vs. Chi. Cardinals, Nov. 2, 1947

PASSING

Most Passes Attempted
Lifetime – 3,313, Roman Gabriel
Season – 407, Roman Gabriel, 1970
Game – 53, Jim Hardy vs. Chi. Cardinals, Oct. 31, 1948

Most Passes Completed
Lifetime – 1,705, Roman Gabriel
Season – 217, Roman Gabriel, 1966
Roman Gabriel, 1969
Game – 28, Jim Hardy vs. Chi. Cardinals, Oct. 31, 1948

Most Yards Gained
Lifetime – 22,223, Roman Gabriel
Season – 2,875, Bill Wade, 1958
Game – 554, Norm Van Brocklin vs. N.Y. Yanks, Sept. 28, 1951

Longest Pass Completion
96, Frank Ryan to Ollie Matson vs. Pittsburgh, Oct. 1, 1961

Most Touchdown Passes
Lifetime – 154, Roman Gabriel
Season – 25, Roman Gabriel, 1967
Game – 5, Bob Waterfield vs. N. Y. Bulldogs, Nov. 27, 1949
Norm Van Brocklin vs. Detroit, Oct. 29, 1950
Norm Van Brocklin vs. N. Y. Yanks, Sept. 28, 1951
Roman Gabriel vs. Cleveland, Dec. 12, 1965

PASS RECEPTIONS

Most Pass Receptions
Lifetime – 400, Tom Fears
Season – 84, Tom Fears, 1950
Game – 18, Tom Fears vs. Green Bay, Dec. 3, 1950

Most Yards Gained
Lifetime – 6,289, Elroy Hirsch
Season – 1,495, Elroy Hirsch, 1951
Game – 303, Jim Benton vs. Detroit, Nov. 22, 1945

Most Touchdown Passes
Lifetime – 53, Elroy Hirsch
Season – 17, Elroy Hirsch, 1951
Game – 4, Bob Shaw vs. Washington, Dec. 11, 1949
Elroy Hirsch vs. N.Y.Yanks, Sept. 28, 1951
Harold Jackson vs. Dallas, Oct. 14, 1973

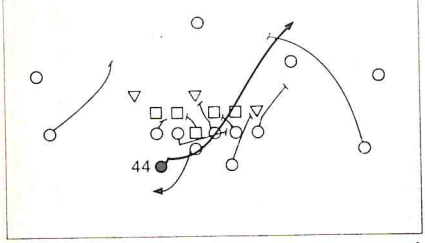
INTERCEPTIONS

Most Interceptions
Lifetime – 46, Ed Meador
Season – 14, Dick (Night Train) Lane, 1952
Game – 3, by 12 players.

Longest Return
97, Herb Rich vs. Dallas Texans, Nov. 2, 1952
Bobby Smith vs. San Francisco, Oct. 18, 1964

MINNESOTA VIKINGS

Ed White's traps spring Chuck Foreman



It had been a very good year until the Vikings ran into that Miami mix-master in the Super Bowl, the one that kept going Csonka! Csonka! Csonka!

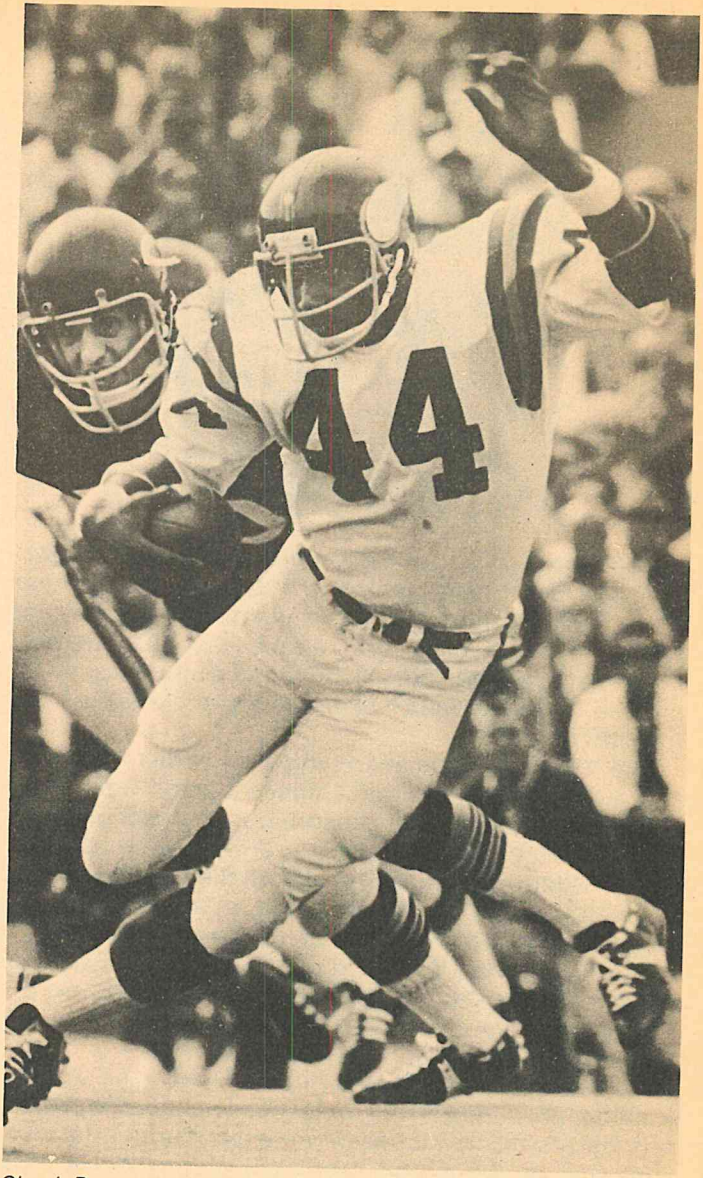
But this year could be even better, because Minnesota now has the proven running back it needed to form a balanced offense, Chuck Foreman, and because the Vikings have learned they can't expect Fran Tarkenton to win games by himself.

The Vikings put all the pieces back together in 1973, winning 12 out of 14 games to rebound from a disappointing 7-7 season in 1972. In the three years previous to that Minnesota had won 12, 12, and 11 games.

The Vikings' greatest added ingredient in 1973 was Foreman, the rookie from Miami who amassed 801 yards. The total included a 50-yard touchdown run, the Vikings' longest in three years. Foreman and Oscar Reed give the Vikings a running back tandem matched by few teams.

The 1973 season was Tarkenton's fourteenth, and he had his greatest season of accuracy, hitting 61.7 percent. He credits Foreman for the big year. "Chuck scares them," says Tarkenton, "and I can fake a handoff to him and raise up and find a lot of people open."

The other great difference last season was the revival of the Vikings' defensive line, which had been hobbled by injuries the year before. But ends Carl Eller and Jim Marshall and tackles Alan Page and Gary Larsen led a defensive rally that held opponents



Chuck Foreman brought grace and balance to the Vikings.

Tackle Ron Yary

Quarterback Fran Tarkenton

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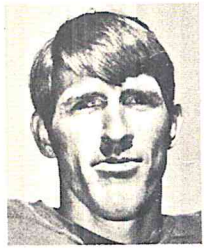


Cornerback Bob Bryant

Defensive Tackle Carl Eller

to 168 points in 14 games. Only Miami allowed fewer.

Coach Bud Grant's ambition was to get the running game straightened out last season, raising it from twentieth ranking in the league the year before. Minnesota ranked sixth in 1973 and that was accomplished. Now he wants to uptilt the scale a bit from the other side.

The Vikings will be searching for a wide receiver to pair with marvelous John Gilliam. Carroll Dale filled the other wide spot last season, but he is gone, and it remains to be seen if second-year man Jim Lash can step in adequately. Lash will be challenged by rookie John Holland of Tennessee State, a small (5-foot 11-inches, 191 pounds) speedster with good hands.

Gilliam averaged 21.6 yards a catch and scored eight touchdowns last year, so the defenses know all about him. Too much, in fact. The guy on the other side must draw his share of attention, too.

Tight end Stu Voigt is a good blocker and an improving pass target (23 catches, two touchdowns), and he fits nicely alongside an exceptional offensive line. The leaders of this group are all-pro tackle Ron Yary and center Mick Tingelhoff. Tackle Grady Alder-

man and guards Ed White and Milt Sunde all have above-average ability, and backup guard John Ward is not far behind.

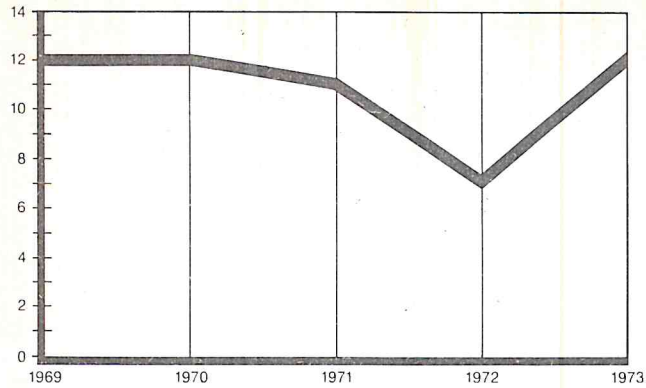
The Vikings chose linebacker Fred McNeill of UCLA in the first round of the draft. McNeill, 6-foot 2-inches, 223 pounds, and highly regarded, will be worked in at Roy Winston's outside spot as the season progresses. Winston's in his thirteenth year.

In only two seasons, middle linebacker Jeff Siemon has played so brilliantly he has made fans forget about Lonnie Warwick. With Wally Hilgenberg, a veteran of 11 seasons, on the other side of him, Siemon anchors a devastating linebacking corps.

The defensive backfield was reshuffled following the tragic loss of veteran safety Karl Kassulke (injured in a motorcycle accident), but the new unit was a strong one. Fourth-year man Jeff Wright is at Kassulke's old spot and his partner, free safety Paul Krause, is still the big-play guy.

Nate Wright has taken over at left cornerback from Charlie West, though that battle is still on, and Bobby Bryant is solid on the other corner. Bryant intercepted seven passes last season, then added another off Roger Staubach that helped Minnesota beat Dallas for the NFC championship. Second-year man Jackie Wallace, a high draft choice last year, is a reserve.

NOTES—The Vikings had two first-round draft choices, choosing two Californians—McNeill of UCLA and 6-foot 5-inch, 255-pound offensive tackle Steve Riley of USC. Riley will push Alderman, who is in his fifteenth season...Placekicker Fred Cox duplicated his 1972 field goal total with 21...Gilliam scored nine touchdowns in 1973, the longest a 44-yard burst... The Vikings will seek a punt return specialist to relieve Bobby Bryant of that duty...The Vikings' out-of-division schedule has two formidable foes, Los Angeles and Dallas...Bud Grant is one of the few men (Otto Graham was another) who played both professional basketball and pro football...Running back Ed Marinaro surprised everyone with his talent for catching the ball. He caught 28 his rookie season, and grabbed



Vikings Victories Last Five Years

26 in 1973. "At Cornell," Marinaro said, "they thought it was safer just to hand the ball to me."...The Vikings traded so wisely they were able to pick six players in the first three rounds of the draft. The Vikings had each of their own top three choices, added Atlanta's number one in the Bob Lee trade, and picked up San Diego's second and fourth choices for Clint Jones and Carl Gersbach...Top draft choice Fred McNeill may encounter his brother on the playing field this fall. Running back Rod McNeill was a fourth round draft choice of the New Orleans Saints. The Saints and Vikings meet December 1 in Minnesota...Going into training camp, the Vikings had 15 players with 10 or more years' experience, a fact that doesn't overly concern Bud Grant. "He doesn't care what the calendar years say, as long as a player performs his job," says defensive tackle Gary Larsen, an 11-year veteran himself. The team's elder statesmen are tackle Grady Alderman, an original Viking, and defensive end Jim Marshall, both with 15 years in the NFL. Marshall spent his rookie year, 1960, with Cleveland, but came to the Vikings in a 1961 preseason trade.

Stadium: **Metropolitan Stadium (Grass; 48,503)** Colors: **Purple and White, Gold Trim**

THE COACHING STAFF

Bud Grant has taken the Vikings to two Super Bowls in his seven years as head man; a lot of other coaches would like to make that statement. Grant's NFL coaching record is 65-30-3, which is even better than he amassed in the Canadian Football League, where he guided Winnipeg to four Grey Cup titles. More of the same success will rely on assistants Neill Armstrong, defensive chief; Jack Patera, defensive line; Jocko Nelson, linebackers; Jerry Burns, offensive chief; John Michels, offensive line; and Bus Mertes, offensive backs. Fred Zamberletti is the trainer and Jim Eason the equipment manager.

1974 SCHEDULE

PRESEASON

Aug. 10	at Denver	8:00
Aug. 19	at Miami	9:00
Aug. 25	BUFFALO	8:30
Aug. 31	at St. Louis	7:00
Sept. 7	SAN DIEGO	8:00

REGULAR SEASON

Sept. 15	at Green Bay	1:00
Sept. 22	at Detroit	1:00
Sept. 29	CHICAGO	1:00
Oct. 6	at Dallas	3:00
Oct. 13	HOUSTON	1:00
Oct. 20	DETROIT	1:00
Oct. 27	NEW ENGLAND	1:00
Nov. 3	at Chicago	1:00
Nov. 11	at St. Louis (Monday)	8:00
Nov. 17	GREEN BAY	1:00
Nov. 24	at Los Angeles	1:00
Dec. 1	NEW ORLEANS	1:00
Dec. 7	ATLANTA (Saturday)	12:00
Dec. 14	at Kansas City (Saturday)	2:45

1974 VIKINGS VETERAN ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Exp.	College	Games in 1973
67	Alderman, Grady	T	6-2	247	35	15	Detroit	14
85	Ballman, Gary (1)	TE	6-1	215	34	13	Michigan State	8
17	Berry, Bob	QB	5-11	185	32	10	Oregon	6
30	Brown, Bill	RB	5-11	222	36	14	Illinois	14
24	Brown, Terry	S	6-2	205	27	5	Oklahoma State	14
20	Bryant, Bob	CB	6-1	170	30	7	South Carolina	14
14	Cox, Fred	K	5-10	200	35	12	Pittsburgh	14
84	Dale, Carroll	WR	6-2	200	36	15	Virginia Tech	13
86	Dawson, Rhett	WR	6-1	182	25	3	Florida State	2
11	Eischeid, Mike	P	6-0	190	33	8	Upper Iowa	14
81	Eller, Carl	DE	6-6	247	32	11	Minnesota	14
44	Foreman, Chuck	RB	6-2	216	23	2	Miami	12
66	Gallagher, Frank (2)	G	6-2	245	31	8	North Carolina	7
42	Gilliam, John	WR	6-1	195	29	8	South Carolina State	14
68	Goodrum, Charles	T-G	6-3	256	24	2	Florida A&M	10
58	Hilgenberg, Wally	LB	6-3	229	32	11	Iowa	13
89	Kingsriter, Doug	TE	6-2	222	24	2	Minnesota	11
22	Krause, Paul	S	6-3	200	32	11	Iowa	14
77	Larsen, Gary	DT	6-5	255	34	11	Concordia, Minn.	14
82	Lash, Jim	WR	6-2	199	22	2	Northwestern	9
65	Lawson, Steve	G	6-3	265	25	4	Kansas	2
75	Lurtsema, Bob	DT-DE	6-6	250	32	8	Western Michigan	14
49	Marinaro, Ed	RB	6-2	212	24	3	Cornell	13
70	Marshall, Jim	DE	6-4	240	36	15	Ohio State	14
55	Martin, Amos	LB	6-3	228	25	3	Louisville	14
33	McClanahan, Brent	RB	5-10	202	22	2	Arizona State	13
41	Osborn, Dave	RB	6-0	208	31	10	North Dakota	11
88	Page, Alan	DT	6-4	245	29	8	Notre Dame	14
52	Porter, Ron	LB	6-3	232	29	8	Idaho	13
34	Randolph, Al	S	6-2	205	30	8	Iowa	11
32	Reed, Oscar	RB	6-0	222	30	7	Colorado State	12
50	Siemon, Jeff	LB	6-2	230	24	3	Stanford	14
64	Sunde, Milt	G	6-2	250	32	11	Minnesota	14
69	Sutherland, Doug	DT	6-3	250	26	5	Superior, Wis.	9
10	Tarkenton, Fran	QB	6-0	190	34	14	Georgia	14
53	Tingelhoff, Mick	C	6-2	237	34	13	Nebraska	14
83	Voigt, Stu	TE	6-1	225	26	5	Wisconsin	13
72	Ward, John	G	6-4	260	26	5	Oklahoma State	8
40	West, Charlie	CB	6-1	197	28	7	Texas-El Paso	5
62	White, Ed	G	6-2	262	27	6	California	14
60	Winston, Roy	LB	5-11	222	34	13	Louisiana State	13
23	Wright, Jeff	S	5-11	190	25	4	Minnesota	14
43	Wright, Nate	CB	5-11	180	26	6	San Diego State	14
73	Yary, Ron	T	6-5	255	28	7	USC	14
51	Zaunbrecher, Godfrey	C	6-2	240	27	4	Louisiana State	6

(1) Played 5 games with N.Y. Giants, 3 games with Minnesota, in 1973
(2) Played 3 games with Atlanta, 4 games with Minnesota, in 1973

TOP DRAFT CHOICES

Round	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Exp.	College
1	McNeill, Fred	LB	6-2	223	23	R	UCLA
1a	Riley, Steve	T	6-5	255	22	R	USC
2	Holland, John	WR	5-11	191	22	R	Tennessee State
2a	Blair, Matt	LB	6-5	229	23	R	Iowa State
3	Craig, Steve	TE	6-4	225	23	R	Northwestern

1973 LEADERS

Rushing (yards)	Chuck Foreman 801
Passing (percentage)	Fran Tarkenton 61.7
Passing (yards)	Fran Tarkenton 2,113
Passing (touchdowns)	Fran Tarkenton 15
Receiving (number)	John Gilliam 42
Receiving (yards)	John Gilliam 907
Interceptions (number)	Bob Bryant 7
Punting (average)	Mike Eischeid 39.8
Punt Returns (average)	Bob Bryant 5.6
Kickoff Returns (average)	Brent McClanahan 25.6
Field Goals	Fred Cox 21
Touchdowns	John Gilliam 9
Points	Fred Cox 96

RECENT TRADES

None

Jeff Siemon (50) and Vikings' defense overwhelm Bobby Douglass.

The 12-2-0 Season of 1973

SEPT. 16 Tarkenton passed for two touchdowns and defense held Raiders offense without touchdown. *Minnesota 24, Oakland 16.*

SEPT. 23 Cox kicked five field goals and Foreman rushed for 116 yards on 16 carries. *Minnesota 22, Chicago 13.*

SEPT. 30 Failing to score touchdown, Vikings prevailed on Cox field goals and Page's defensive play. *Minnesota 11, Green Bay 3.*

OCT. 7 Marinaro ran for two touchdowns and Vikings continued six-year hex over beleaguered Lions. *Minnesota 23, Detroit 9.*

OCT. 14 Krause intercepted two Spurrier passes, both ending final-period threats by 49ers. *Minnesota 17, San Francisco 13.*

OCT. 21 Vikings defense was stung by Gabriel's 23-of-32, three touchdown passing performance. *Minnesota 28, Philadelphia 21.*

OCT. 28 In battle of unbeatens, Vikings edged visiting Rams with help of roughing-the-kicker penalty. *Minnesota 10, Los Angeles 9.*

NOV. 4 Vikings held opponent without touchdown for fourth time; Browns never crossed Minnesota 20. *Minnesota 26, Cleveland 3.*

NOV. 11 Vikings beat Lions for twelfth time in row since 1967; Hilgenberg had blocked punt touchdown. *Minnesota 28, Detroit 7.*

NOV. 19 Lee passed for first-half touchdowns to Hampton and Ray; Falcons snapped Vikings' win streak. *Atlanta 20, Minnesota 14.*

NOV. 25 Gilliam's two touchdown pass receptions helped Vikings break open 10-6 third-quarter game. *Minnesota 31, Chicago 13.*

DEC. 2 Cox saw 151-game consecutive scoring streak ended in overwhelming victory by Bengals. *Cincinnati 27, Minnesota 0.*

DEC. 18 Bryant intercepted three passes, returned one for 46-yard touchdown in rebound victory. *Minnesota 31, Green Bay 7.*

DEC. 16 Warming up for playoffs, Vikings blasted Giants behind Brown's interception touchdown. *Minnesota 31, New York Giants 7.*

VIKINGS RECORDS

SCORING

Most Points
- Lifetime – 1,074, Fred Cox
- Season – 125, Fred Cox, 1970
- Game – 18, 11 times

Most Touchdowns
- Lifetime – 73, Bill Brown
- Season – 16, Bill Brown, 1964
- Game – 3, 10 times

Most Points After Touchdown Made
- Lifetime – 384, Fred Cox
- Season – 43, Fred Cox, 1969
- Game – 7, Fred Cox vs. Baltimore, Sept. 28, 1969
  Fred Cox vs. Pittsburgh, Nov. 23, 1969

Most Field Goals Made
- Lifetime – 230, Fred Cox
- Season – 30, Fred Cox, 1970
- Game – 5, Fred Cox vs. Chicago, Sept. 23, 1973

Longest Field Goal
- 53, Fred Cox vs. Green Bay, Dec. 5, 1965

RUSHING

Most Attempts
- Lifetime – 1,608, Bill Brown
- Season – 251, Bill Brown, 1966
- Game – 29, Dave Osborn vs. Chicago, Dec. 5, 1970

Most Yards Gained
- Lifetime – 5,716, Bill Brown
- Season – 972, Dave Osborn, 1967
- Game – 155, Dave Osborn vs. Green Bay, Dec. 3, 1967
  Clint Jones vs. Atlanta, Nov. 28, 1971

Most Games, 100 or More Yards
- Lifetime – 8, Bill Brown
- Season – 3, Bill Brown, 1964
  Dave Osborn, 1967
  Chuck Foreman, 1973

Longest Run From Scrimmage
- 80, Clinton Jones vs. Chicago, Nov. 2, 1969

PASSING

Most Passes Attempted
- Lifetime – 2,551, Fran Tarkenton
- Season – 3,278, Fran Tarkenton, 1972
- Game – 43, Joe Kapp vs. Baltimore, Sept. 28, 1969

Most Passes Completed
- Lifetime – 1,404, Fran Tarkenton
- Season – 215, Fran Tarkenton, 1972
- Game – 28, Joe Kapp vs. Baltimore, Sept. 28, 1969

Most Yards Gained
- Lifetime – 19,343, Fran Tarkenton
- Season – 2,651, Fran Tarkenton, 1972
- Game – 449, Joe Kapp vs. Baltimore, Sept. 23, 1969

Longest Pass Completion
- 89, Fran Tarkenton to Charley Ferguson vs. Chicago Nov. 11, 1962

Most Touchdown Passes
- Lifetime – 146, Fran Tarkenton
- Season – 22, Fran Tarkenton, 1962 and 1964
- Game – 7, Joe Kapp vs. Baltimore, Sept. 28, 1969

PASS RECEPTIONS

Most Pass Receptions
- Lifetime – 277, Bill Brown
- Season – 51, Paul Flatley, 1963
- Game – 10, Tommy Mason vs. Green Bay Nov. 10, 1963

Most Yards Gained
- Lifetime – 3,136, Bill Brown
- Season – 1,035, John Gilliam, 1972
- Game – 202, Paul Flatley vs. San Francisco, Oct. 24, 1965

Most Touchdown Passes
- Lifetime – 23, Gene Washington
  Bill Brown
- Season – 11, Jerry Reichow, 1961
- Game – 3, Jerry Reichow vs. Chicago, Dec. 17, 1961
  Charley Ferguson vs. Chicago, Nov. 11, 1962
  Gene Washington vs. Cleveland, Nov. 9, 1969

INTERCEPTIONS

Most Interceptions By
- Lifetime – 40, Ed Sharockman
- Season – 8, Bobby Bryant, 1969
- Game – 3, Roy Winston vs. San Francisco, Oct. 25, 1964
  Earsell Mackbee vs. Detroit, Oct. 26, 1969
  Bobby Bryant vs. Cleveland, Nov. 9, 1969
  Ed Sharokman vs. Boston, Dec. 13, 1970
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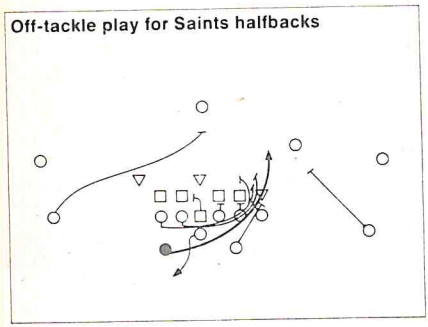
Longest Return
- 89, Charlie West vs. Chicago, Dec. 19, 1971

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS



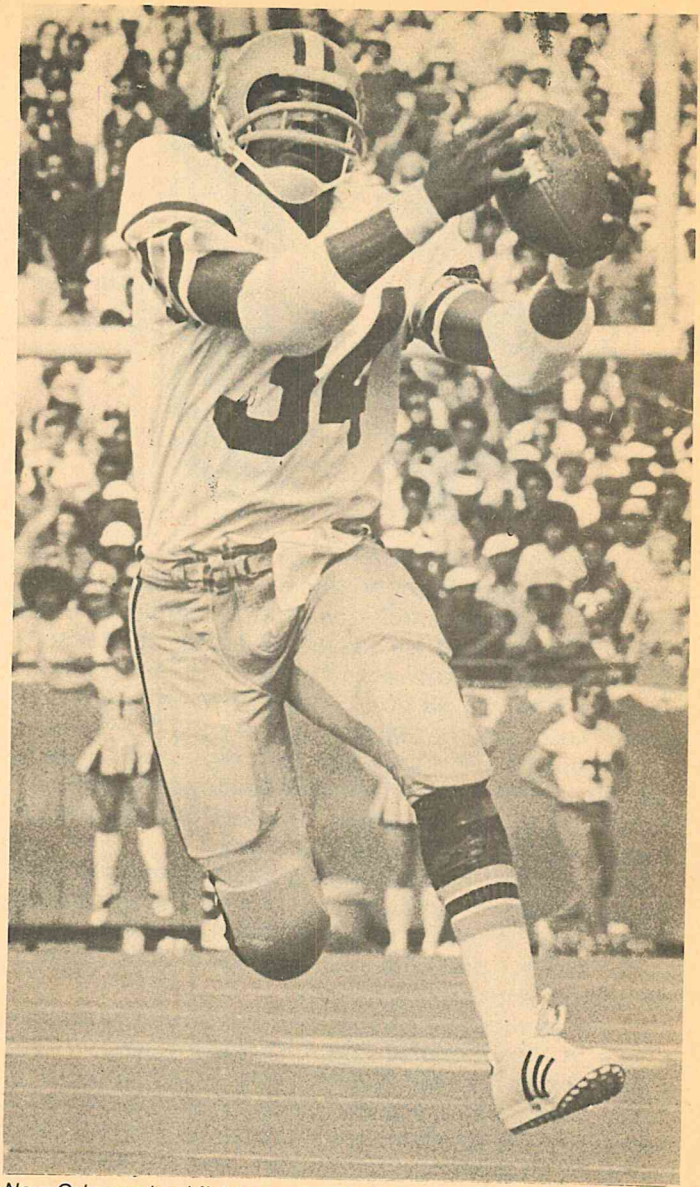
Little noticed, because the bright spot was later overcome by some setbacks, was a midseason stretch in 1973 when the New Orleans Saints won four of five games for their new coach, John North. But then they lost five of their last six to finish 5-9. Optimists suspect that the *real* Saints were on exhibit these Sundays when they defeated Chicago, Detroit, Washington, and Buffalo.

The Saints don't just suspect it; they believe it. "The greatest single asset we have for this season," says North, "is that the players believe we can win. They have self-respect and self-confidence—and anytime you have that you are halfway home."

North, who didn't take over the job until the preseason games were underway, helped his cause by acquiring tight end John Beasley and halfback Joe Profit in trades; the coach also talked ex-Arkansas placekicker Bill McClard out of retirement. Ex-Viking Beasley wound up leading the team in pass receptions.

But there was too much to do, no training camp to do it in, and too little help. North had only three assistant coaches in the latter days of the season. Now he has a full staff of seven assistants.

The five victories in 1973 matched the best win total in the club's history (set in 1969), and there is increased optimism this year. North believes he has one of the necessary ingredients to success—a championship quarterback. Archie Manning, when he is not trying



New Orleans' backfield prospered from addition of Jess Phillips.

Wide Receiver Bob Newland

Quarterback Archie Manning

Defensive Tackle Elex Price

Linebacker Joe Federspiel

to pass from the flat of his back, can throw with the best in the league. Many scouts rate Manning's "quick arm" in the same bracket with Joe Namath's. Even while being tackled for losses 28 times last season, Manning completed 52.4 percent of his passes. Manning also ran 63 times, most of which were predetermined running plays, and averaged 4.7 yards.

The Saints have a good enough receiving corps, if they can get the rest of their offense together. Jubilee Dunbar—wonderfully named for a New Orleans athlete—averaged a high 19.4 yards a catch.

North has two rookie running backs coming in who should add punch and outside speed to the sputtering attack—Rod McNeill of USC and Alvin Maxson of SMU. They will push the veteran crew of Jess Phillips, Bill Butler, and Joe Profit.

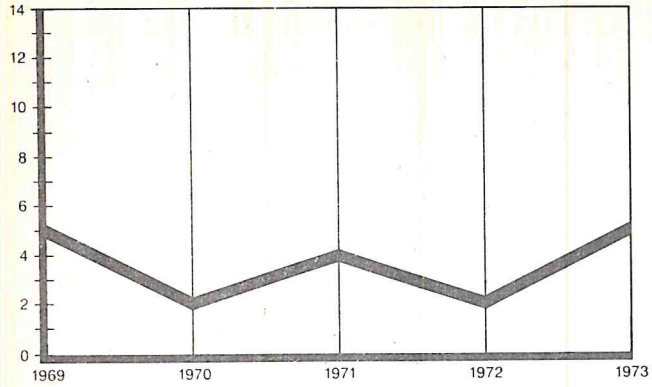
The retirement of guard Jake Kupp at 32 has left a hole in the offensive line, but North hopes to talk Kupp back to the field. Center John Didion and guard Royce Smith are standouts in a unit that needs overall upgrading. The Saints were seventeenth in rushing and twentieth in passing last season, and it's what's up front that counts.

The Saints hope that a year of experience will develop their young defensive line. Billy Newsome, Joe Owens, Elex Price, and Bob Pollard—the starters—have only been around an average of three seasons. And they are backed up by last year's rookies, Derland Moore and Steve Baumgartner. North is extremely high on Moore and Baumgartner.

The linebackers and the defensive backs have great ability—unnoticed so far because the defensive line hasn't stopped the run *or* generated a pass rush. Joe Federspiel, now entering his third season, is the middle linebacker. Jim Merlo, out of Stanford, had a fine rookie season and this year will play only on the weakside. North hopes that rookie Don Coleman will be the strongside star; first draft choice Rick Middleton of Ohio State is another possibility there. Backup linebacker Willie Hall has added value as leader of the special teams.

There is only one real veteran in the defensive backfield, safety Johnny Fuller, who is in his seventh year. Fuller is surrounded by youth—and talent. Cornerbacks Ernie Jackson and Bivian Lee and free safety Tom Myers are swift and sure, but none has been in the league more than three years. A quarterback from TCU, Kent Marshall, has North's eye as a challenger at one of the safety spots.

NOTES—John North is a graduate of the "Lexington College for Pro Coaches." North was an assistant to Blanton Collier at Kentucky in the 1950s, and four other men who worked under Collier are now head men in the NFL: Don Shula of Miami, Chuck Knox of Los Angeles, Howard Schnellenberger of Baltimore, and Bill Arnsparger with the Giants...North is optimistic about his kicking game. "Steve O'Neal is a two-step punter with a forty-one point seven average," he notes, "and (tackle) Dave Thompson is probably the best snapper in the league."...North is also pleased with the punt return efforts of Howard Stevens, a 5-foot 6-inch speedster. "Howard is so small," says North, "that he can run between their legs. And he has guts to catch the ball under pressure." Stevens



Saints Victories Last Five Years

averaged 10.1 yards on punt returns and 22.7 on kick-offs under the *old* rules...The Saints ranked twenty-second in the NFL on offense in 1973, and twenty-third on defense...The Saints had some dramatic individual performances a year ago, including Billy Newsome's seven tackles that helped contain O. J. Simpson with less than 100 yards and Bill McClard's four field goals that defeated Washington 19-3... North is high on the potential of backup quarterback Bobby Scott, a second-year player from Tennessee.

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THE COACHING STAFF

John North was an end at Vanderbilt, and later was the Detroit Lions' receiver coach for eight seasons before becoming an assistant with the Saints, so you can be sure the passing department will not be shorted under his reign. North has surrounded himself with experienced aides: Wimp Hewgley for the offensive line, Red Phillips for the receivers, Lamar McHan for quarterbacks, Bob Ledbetter for the running backs and special teams, Bob Cummings for the defensive line, Doug Shively for linebackers, and Bud Whitehead for defensive backs. Dean Kleinschmidt is the trainer and the equipment manager is Dan Simmons.

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1974 SAINTS VETERAN ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Exp.	College	Games in 1973
63	Baumgartner, Steve	DE	6-7	260	23	2	Purdue	14
85	Beasley, John	TE	6-3	228	29	7	California	8
79	Billingsley, Ron (1)	DT	6-8	288	29	7	Wyoming	0
36	Brown, Bob	TE	6-2	225	31	6	Alcorn A&M	5
38	Butler, Bill	RB	6-0	210	24	3	Kansas State	13
59	Colman, Wayne	LB	6-1	220	28	7	Temple	12
55	Creech, Bob	LB	6-3	228	25	4	Texas Christian	2
51	Didion, John	C	6-4	255	26	6	Oregon State	14
88	Dorris, Andy	DE	6-4	230	23	2	New Mexico State	1
86	Dunbar, Jubilee	WR	6-0	196	25	2	Southern	14
58	Federspiel, Joe	LB	6-1	235	24	3	Kentucky	13
71	Fersen, Paul	T	6-5	260	24	2	Georgia	3
44	Fink, Mike	CB	5-11	185	23	2	Missouri	13
24	Fuller, Johnny	S	6-0	185	28	7	Lamar	13
83	Garrett, Len	TE	6-3	230	26	4	New Mexico Highlands	12
56	Hall, Willie	LB	6-2	225	24	3	USC	7
18	Hollas, Hugo (2)	S	6-1	190	28	4	Rice	0
30	Jackson, Ernie	CB	5-10	175	24	3	Duke	14
77	Johnson, Carl	T	6-3	255	24	3	Nebraska	14
87	Kelly, Mike	TE	6-4	215	26	4	Davidson	1
53	Kingrea, Rick	LB	6-1	230	25	4	Tulane	9
39	Lawson, Odell	RB	6-2	205	24	4	Langston, Okla.	12
11	Lee, Bivian	CB	6-3	200	26	4	Prairie View	14
8	Manning, Archie	QB	6-3	215	25	4	Mississippi	13
19	McClard, Bill	K	5-10	202	24	3	Arkansas	8
57	Merlo, Jim	LB	6-1	225	22	2	Stanford	14
32	Minor, Lincoln	RB	6-2	211	24	2	New Mexico State	9
74	Moore, Derland	DT	6-4	260	22	2	Oklahoma	13
25	Moore, Jerry	S	6-3	208	25	4	Arkansas	10
76	Morrison, Don	T	6-5	260	24	4	Texas-Arlington	14
37	Myers, Tom	S	5-11	184	23	3	Syracuse	13
41	Newland, Bob	WR	6-2	190	25	4	Oregon	14
78	Newsome, Billy	DE	6-5	260	26	5	Grambling	14
10	O'Neal, Steve	P	6-3	185	28	6	Texas A&M	14
72	Owens, Joe	DE	6-2	250	27	5	Alcorn A&M	14
52	Palmer, Dick	LB	6-2	232	27	5	Kentucky	10
34	Phillips, Jess	RB	6-1	210	27	7	Michigan State	14
82	Pollard, Bob	DT	6-3	250	25	4	Weber State	14
75	Price, Elex	DT	6-3	260	24	2	Alcorn A&M	14
23	Profit, Joe	RB	6-0	213	25	4	Northeast Louisiana	8
21	Ramsey, Nate	CB	6-1	200	33	12	Indiana	4
70	Robinson, Craig	T	6-4	250	25	3	Houston	11
12	Scott, Bobby	QB	6-1	200	25	3	Tennessee	6
66	Smith, Royce	G	6-3	255	25	3	Georgia	14
22	Stevens, Howard	RB	5-5	165	24	2	Louisville	14
17	Thomas, Speedy	WR	6-1	170	27	6	Utah	6
	Thompson, Dave (3)	C-G	6-4	260	25	4	Clemson	14
61	Williams, Del	G	6-2	250	28	8	Florida State	14
80	Winslow, Doug	WR	5-11	181	23	2	Drake	12

(1) Missed entire 1973 season because of injury
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(3) Played 14 games with Detroit in 1973

TOP DRAFT CHOICES

Round	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	NFL Exp.	College
1	Middleton, Richard	LB	6-2	228	22	R	Ohio State
2	Seal, Paul	TE	6-4	213	22	R	Michigan
4	McNeill, Rod	RB	6-2	219	23	R	USC
5	Parker, Joel	WR	6-5	212	22	R	Florida
5a	Schmidt, Terry	CB	6-0	177	22	R	Ball State

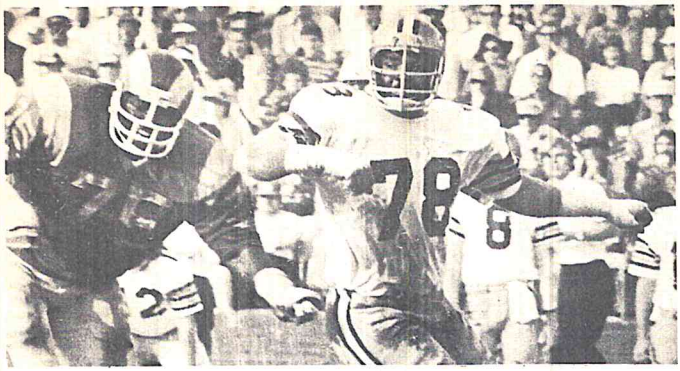
1973 LEADERS

Rushing (yards)	Jess Phillips 663
Passing (percentage)	Archie Manning 52.4
Passing (yards)	Archie Manning 1,642
Passing (touchdowns)	Archie Manning 10
Receiving (number)	John Beasley 31
Receiving (yards)	Bob Newland 489
Interceptions (number)	Ernie Jackson, Bivian Lee, Jim Merlo, and Tom Myers 3
Punting (average)	Steve O'Neal 41.7
Punt Returns (average)	Howard Stevens 10.1
Kickoff Returns (average)	Howard Stevens 22.7
Field Goals	Bill McClard 13
Touchdowns	Jubilee Dunbar and Bob Newland 4
Points	Bill McClard 48

RECENT TRADES

The first round choice in the 1973 draft to Detroit for center Dave Thompson and Detroit's first round choice in 1973.

Linebacker Ray Hester to St. Louis for a draft choice.



Defensive end Billy Newsome skirts Rams tackle John Williams.

The 5-9-0 Season of 1973

SEPT. 16 Saints fell behind quickly to Falcons, and succumbed in wake of worst defeat in club's history. *Atlanta 62, New Orleans 7.*

SEPT. 24 After holding Cowboys to 12-0 halftime lead, Saints gave up three third-quarter touchdowns. *Dallas 40, New Orleans 3.*

SEPT. 30 Colts scored two first-period touchdowns, scrambling Saints could not catch up in time. *Baltimore 14, New Orleans 10.*

OCT. 7 Saints first victory highlighted by two Manning touchdowns, one after fumble recovery. *New Orleans 21, Chicago 16.*

OCT. 14 Saints achieved upset when Butler scored deciding touchdown with only 39 seconds to play. *New Orleans 20, Detroit 13*

OCT. 21 Brodie returned Saints to hard realities of NFL life with passes to ex-Saint Abramowicz. *San Francisco 40, New Orleans 0.*

OCT. 28 McClard, working at driving range before joining Saints, kicked four field goals in upset. *New Orleans 19, Washington 3.*

NOV. 4 Limiting Simpson to 79 yards, Saints recorded their first shutout victory in seven-year history. *New Orleans 13, Buffalo 0.*

NOV. 11 After taking surprising 7-0 lead, Saints crumpled in face of key Bertelsen punt returns. *Los Angeles 29, New Orleans 7.*

NOV. 18 After Saints drew to 10-7 deficit, Howard interception triggered Chargers rally. *San Diego 17, New Orleans 14.*

NOV. 25 Saints two-game home win streak vs. Rams came to end after Rams came from behind. *Los Angeles 24, New Orleans 13.*

DEC. 2 Mistake-plagued Saints lost fumble and four interceptions to opportunistic Packers defense. *Green Bay 30, New Orleans 10.*

DEC. 9 Manning threw scoring pass to ex-49er Dunbar, McClard kicked three field goals. *New Orleans 16, San Francisco 10.*

DEC. 16 Saints trailed by two touchdowns at halftime and third- and fourth-quarter rallies fell short. *Atlanta 14, New Orleans 10.*

SAINTS RECORDS

SCORING

Most Points
- Lifetime – 243, Charlie Durkee
- Season – 99, Tom Dempsey, 1969
- Game – 18, Walt Roberts vs. Philadelphia, Nov. 5, 1967
  Dan Abramowicz vs. San Francisco, Sept. 26, 1971

Most Touchdowns
- Lifetime – 37, Dan Abramowicz
- Season – 8, Andy Livingston, 1969
- Game – 3, Walt Roberts vs. Philadelphia, Nov. 5, 1967
  Dan Abramowicz vs. San Francisco, Sept. 26, 1971

Most Points After Touchdown Made
- Lifetime – 87, Charlie Durkee
- Season – 33, Tom Dempsey, 1969
- Game – 5, Tom Dempsey vs. St. Louis, Nov. 2, 1969

Most Field Goals Made
- Lifetime – 52, Charlie Durkee
- Season – 22, Tom Dempsey, 1969
- Game – 5, Charlie Durkee vs. Green Bay, Nov. 28, 1971

Longest Field Goal
- 63, Tom Dempsey vs. Detroit, Nov. 8, 1970

RUSHING

Most Attempts
- Lifetime – 249, Tony Baker
- Season – 198, Jess Phillips, 1973
- Game – 27, Andy Livingston vs. Washington, Sept. 21, 1969

Most Yards Gained
- Lifetime – 1,102, Tony Baker
- Season – 761, Andy Livingston, 1969
- Game – 142, Andy Livingston vs. Washington, Sept. 21, 1969

Longest Run From Scrimmage
- 54, Tony Baker vs. St. Louis, Nov. 2, 1969

PASSING

Most Passes Attempted
- Lifetime – 1,116, Bill Kilmer
- Season – 448, Archie Manning, 1972
- Game – 52, Archie Manning vs. New England, Dec. 10, 1972

Most Passes Completed
- Lifetime – 592, Bill Kilmer
- Season – 230, Archie Manning, 1972
- Game – 24, Bill Kilmer vs. N.Y. Giants, Oct. 6, 1968
  Archie Manning vs. New England, Dec. 10, 1972

Most Yards Gained
- Lifetime – 7,490, Bill Kilmer
- Season – 2,781, Archie Manning, 1972
- Game – 345, Bill Kilmer vs. St. Louis, Nov. 2, 1969

Longest Pass Completion
- 96, Bill Kilmer to Walt Roberts vs. Philadelphia, Nov. 19, 1967

Most Touchdown Passes
- Lifetime – 47, Bill Kilmer
- Season – 20, Bill Kilmer, 1969
- Game – 6, Bill Kilmer vs. St. Louis, Nov. 2, 1969

PASS RECEPTIONS

Most Pass Receptions
- Lifetime – 309, Dan Abramowicz
- Season – 73, Dan Abramowicz, 1969
- Game – 12, Dan Abramowicz vs. Pittsburgh, Oct. 29, 1967
  John Beasley vs. San Diego, Nov. 18, 1973

Most Yards Gained
- Lifetime – 4,875, Dan Abramowicz
- Season – 1,015, Dan Abramowicz, 1969
- Game – 165, Dan Abramowicz vs. Cincinnati, Nov. 29, 1970

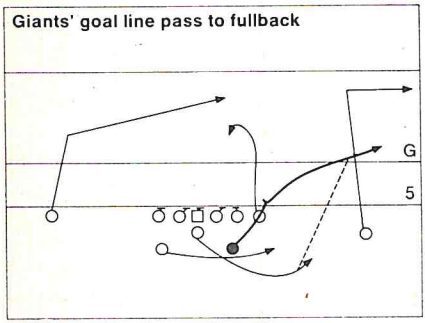
Most Touchdown Passes
- Lifetime – 37, Dan Abramowicz
- Season – 7, Dan Abramowicz, 1968
- Game – 3, Dan Abramowicz vs. San Francisco, Sept. 26, 1971

INTERCEPTIONS

Most Interceptions By
- Lifetime – 19, Dave Whitsell
- Season – 10, Dave Whitsell, 1967
- Game – 2, by eight players.

Longest Return
- 94, Bo Burris vs. Minnesota, Oct. 13, 1968

NEW YORK GIANTS

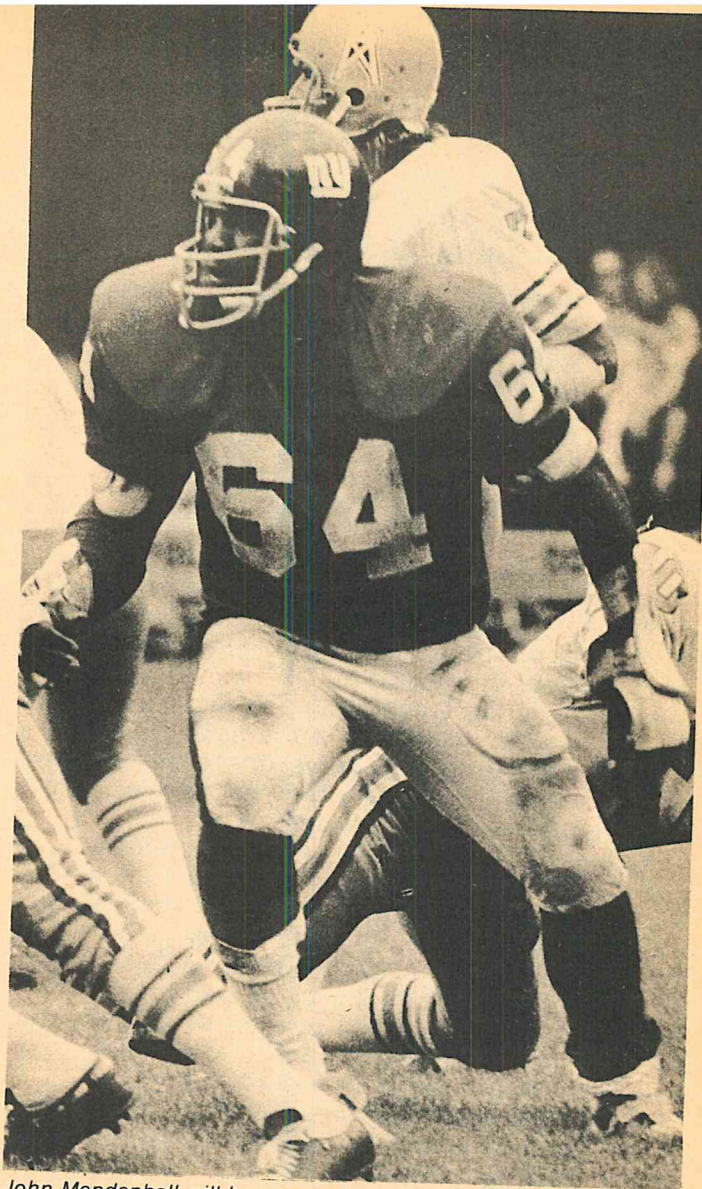


Until Bill Arnsparger came along, the New York Giants had an easy 42 years in choosing their coaches. They either selected a fellow off their old roster or an aide on the staff. Not that there were that many—Steve Owen, Jim Lee Howell, Allie Sherman, Alex Webster. But when the Giants went outside the family for a head man, they made sure the credentials were impeccable.

Arnsparger had taken a bunch of "No Names" and low draft choices at Miami and built a defense that enabled the Dolphins to win consecutive Super Bowl titles. In his low-pressure way, he explained, "It doesn't take a lot of experience to play the zone defense."

What matters most to the Giants this season is how Arnsparger will adapt a particular innovation of his, known as the "53" defense. Arnsparger was doodling on a yellow pad one evening, wondering what to do with a hybrid player named Bob Matheson, half a linebacker and half a defensive end. "Why not use him as both," Arnsparger wondered, *"at the same time?"* Thus was born a device where the opposing quarterback stared at the defense and didn't know whether he would get a three-man rush or an outside blitz.

It was called a "53" defense because that was Matheson's jersey number. "Football coaches are not very imaginative," Arnsparger confesses. "And I've no idea what we'll call it here. I don't care what it's called, as



John Mendenhall will be cornerstone of new Arnsparger defense.

Wide Receiver Bob Grim

Defensive Tackle Rich Glover

Cornerback Pete Athas

Safety Carl Lockhart

long as it works." More to the point, Arnsparger will let the action determine whose jersey number carries the burden. "It could be Jim Files or Henry Reed or Pat Hughes or (Brad) Van Pelt," Arnsparger says. "These fellows will work it out."

An important point of this listing is that Jack Gregory is not among their number. "He's going back to defensive end where he belongs," says Arnsparger. Gregory had been something called a rover back in the Giants' fifteenth-ranked defense last season.

The new Giants' coach is neither disappointed nor unrealistic about the task that confronts him after a 2-11-1 season. "We have got to be better in every phase of the game," he says, "but I've looked at the films and seen us do things well in every area. We haven't been consistent in doing things as well as we can." That's putting it mildly, but perhaps Arnsparger remembers looking at films of a 4-10 Miami team and then a year later reading the record of 10-4.

Unlike the Giants' program of so many years gone by, the club has seemed to draft expertly and without risk for 1974. Top man is "can't miss" offensive lineman John Hicks of Ohio State, winner of the Outland

trophy and the Lombardi trophy as college football's best lineman. At 6-foot 2-inches, he will have a tremendous height handicap as a tackle, but his other talents are expected to compensate for this. He might be moved to guard.

The club's number-two choice was another offensive lineman, Tom Mullen of Southwest Missouri State, 6-foot 3-inches and 250 pounds. Both Hicks and Mullen will get a starting shot with the Giants, who have nowhere to go but up.

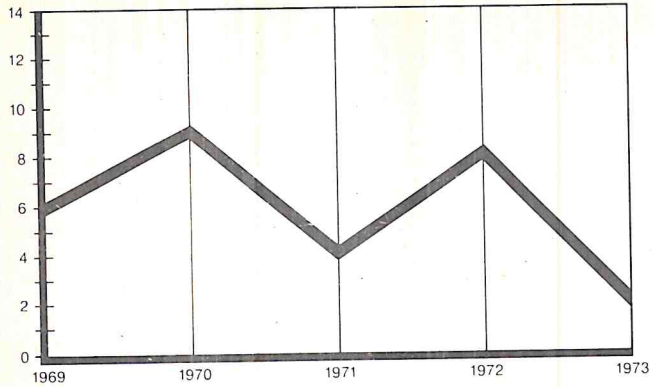
The exceptional "steal" of recent years continues to be Ron Johnson, the great running back-receiver the club got from Cleveland in 1970. Johnson made 902 yards rushing last season, though how he got them may be a mystery forever. Aside from center Greg Larson and guard Doug Van Horn, the New York offensive line was a shambles—thus the draft calls for Hicks and Mullen.

Perhaps a revitalized group of blockers will make the other running backs seem better—people like Vince Clements, Joe Orduna, Rocky Thompson, and Charlie Evans. Leon McQuay, a transfer from the Canadian league, is a spectacular runner who could be the surprise of the year.

The whole of it goes hand-in-hand to support the quarterback's performance, in this case veteran Norm Snead. Snead was the NFL passing leader a season before, but became so harried and pressured by lack of pass blocking that he threw 22 interceptions in only 235 attempts. Snead is a canny fellow and unlikely to do this when he has three seconds to throw. Last year's Giants were giving him 1.9 seconds.

Snead has a good group of receivers other than Johnson—widemen Don Herrmann and Bob Grim and Rich Houston, plus tight end Bob Tucker.

Until Arnsparger works out his option man for the 53-defense, the Giants' front four will remain in flux, except for Gregory at one end and John Mendenhall at one tackle. The new coach is unlikely to take past seasons' standing for reference. Linebackers Jim Files, Ron Hornsby, and a surprise find from California



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Lutheran, Brian Kelley, hold promise.

There are excellent defensive backs, led by cornerback Willie Williams and safety Spider Lockhart. Pete Athas and Richmond Flowers complement that duo.

Aside from all this nose-counting, there is an intangible quality that somehow attaches itself to NFL teams down through the years, the winning ones. It is sometimes called heritage, and nobody knows how it works, but the Giants have some of it—and have used it in the won-lost standings not very long ago. Arnsparger, moreover, will use anything he can get.

NOTES—Pete Gogolak had a good placekicking year in 1973; it's just that he didn't get many chances. The Hungarian soccer-stylist made good on all 25 extra points, and kicked 17 field goals in 28 tries...The new man who directs the Giants' operations is one of the most illustrious names in the franchise's history. Andy Robustelli was named to the position by team president Wellington Mara. As director of operations, Robustelli has overall responsibility for personnel and on-the-field phases of the club. A top priority for Ansparger is finding someone to team with Johnson in the backfield...New York's second leading rusher was Clements, with only 214 yards.

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William Stephen Arnsparger coached at Miami (Ohio), Ohio State, Kentucky, Tulane, and then at the Don Shula Institute for 10 years. And he is still capable of such sentiments as "Training camp is just like Christmas—you go down and open the packages." He will be assisted in this maiden Giants effort by Ed Rutledge for linebackers, Floyd Peters for defensive line, John Symank for defensive backs, Ray Wietecha for offensive line, Hunter Enis for receivers and quarterbacks, Ted Plumb for offensive backs, and Allan Webb for special teams. The Giants' trainers are John Dziegiel and John Johnson and the equipment manager is Sid Moret.

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62	Enderle, Dick	G	6-2	250	27	6	Minnesota	14
31	Evans, Charlie	RB	6-1	220	26	4	USC	5
58	Files, Jim	LB	6-4	240	26	5	Oklahoma	14
44	Flowers, Richmond	S	6-0	190	27	6	Tennessee	8
83	Gatewood, Tom	TE	6-3	215	23	3	Notre Dame	7
77	Glover, Rich	DT	6-1	240	23	2	Nebraska	13
3	Gogolak, Pete	K	6-1	190	32	11	Cornell	14
68	Goich, Dan	DT	6-4	240	29	6	California	14
81	Gregory, Jack	DE	6-5	250	29	8	Delta State	13
27	Grim, Bob	WR	6-0	200	29	8	Oregon State	14
85	Herrmann, Don	WR	6-2	205	27	6	Waynesburg	14
52	Hill, John	T	6-2	245	24	3	Lehigh	12
67	Hornsby, Ron	LB	6-3	232	24	4	Southeast Louisiana	13
84	Houston, Rich	WR	6-2	195	28	6	East Texas State	14
56	Hughes, Pat	LB	6-2	235	26	5	Boston U.	11
70	Hyland, Bob	C	6-5	255	29	8	Boston College	14
20	Jackson, Honor (1)	CB	6-2	195	25	3	Pacific	9
75	Jacobson, Larry	DT	6-6	260	24	3	Nebraska	9
11	Johnson, Randy	QB	6-3	205	30	9	Texas A&I	9
30	Johnson, Ron	RB	6-1	205	26	6	Michigan	12
55	Kelley, Brian	LB	6-3	222	23	2	California Lutheran	14
43	Lockhart, Carl	S	6-2	175	31	10	North Texas State	14
46	Love, Walter	WR	5-9	180	23	2	Westminster, Utah	12
47	Lumpkin, Ron	CB	6-2	200	23	2	Arizona State	1
64	Mendenhall, John	DT	6-1	255	25	3	Grambling	8
49	Orduna, Joe	RB	6-0	195	26	3	Nebraska	14
80	Reed, Henry	LB	6-3	230	25	4	Weber State	10
34	Rizzo, Jack	RB	5-10	195	25	2	Lehigh	6
18	Small, Eldridge	CB	6-1	190	24	3	Texas A&I	8
16	Snead, Norman	QB	6-4	215	35	14	Wake Forest	10
72	Taffoni, Joe	T	6-3	255	29	7	Tennessee-Martin	9
22	Thompson, Rocky	RB	5-11	200	26	4	West Texas State	1
71	Tipton, Dave	DE	6-6	245	25	4	Stanford	6
38	Tucker, Bob	TE	6-3	230	28	5	Bloomsburg, Pa.	14
63	Van Horn, Doug	G	6-3	245	30	8	Ohio State	14
10	Van Pelt, Brad	LB	6-5	235	23	2	Michigan State	5
41	Williams, Willie	CB	6-0	190	31	10	Grambling	14
69	Young, Willie	T	6-0	265	31	9	Grambling	14

(1) Played 7 games with New England, 2 games with N.Y. Giants, in 1973.

TOP DRAFT CHOICES

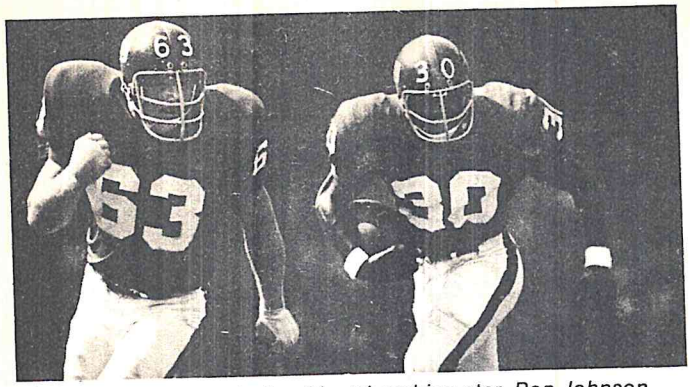
Round	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Exp.	College
1	Hicks, John	T	6-2	258	22	R	Ohio State
2	Mullen, Tom	G	6-3	250	22	R	Southwest Missouri St.
3	Dvorak, Rick	DE	6-4	235	22	R	Wichita State
4	Summerell, Carl	QB	6-4	208	22	R	East Carolina
5	Clune, Don	WR	6-3	195	22	R	Pennsylvania

1973 LEADERS

Rushing (yards)	Ron Johnson 902
Passing (percentage)	Randy Johnson 55.9
Passing (yards)	Norm Snead 1,483
Passing (touchdowns)	Randy Johnson and Norm Snead 7
Receiving (number)	Bob Tucker 50
Receiving (yards)	Bob Tucker 681
Interceptions (number)	Pete Athas 5
Punting (average)	Tom Blanchard 41.9
Punt Returns (average)	Pete Athas 7.7
Kickoff Returns (average)	Rich Houston 25.0
Field Goals	Pete Gogolak 17
Touchdowns	Ron Johnson 9
Points	Pete Gogolak 76

RECENT TRADES

None



Doug Van Horn escorts the Giants' rushing star, Ron Johnson.

The 2-11-1 Season of 1973

SEPT. 16 Athas, Lockhart, Reed, and Flowers enabled Giants to run up 27-0 lead at halftime. *New York Giants 34, Houston 14.*

SEPT. 23 Gogolak kicked 14-yard field goal as time ran out in final game ever at Yankee Stadium. *New York Giants 23, Philadelphia 23.*

SEPT. 30 Cockroft kicked four second-half field goals, winner with 2.54 to play, in comeback. *Cleveland 12, New York Giants 10.*

OCT. 7 Giants beaten again by field goal, Marcol winning game with 32-yarder at final gun. *Green Bay 16, New York Giants 14.*

OCT. 14 Brown ran for two touchdowns and Robinson added 28-yard interception score. *Washington 21, New York Giants 3.*

OCT. 21 Cowboys defense set up three touchdowns on fumble recovery, interception, blocked punt. *Dallas 45, New York Giants 28.*

OCT. 28 Hart threw four touchdown passes, three to Gray, and completed 13 out of 18 overall. *St. Louis 35, New York Giants 27.*

NOV. 4 Floundering Giants lost sixth straight in humiliating fashion to overpowering Raiders. *Oakland 42, New York Giants 0.*

NOV. 11 Giants had four passes intercepted, two by Waters, and lost two fumbles in unlucky loss. *Dallas 23, New York Giants 10.*

NOV. 18 Johnson plunged for one touchdown, then caught scoring pass to snap Giants loss streak. *New York Giants 24, St. Louis 13.*

NOV. 25 Leading 24-13 in fourth quarter, Giants wilted in face of onslaught by Jurgensen. *Washington 27, New York Giants 24.*

DEC. 2 Eagles' Sullivan ran for 156 yards and scored clinching third-quarter touchdown. *Philadelphia 20, New York Giants 16.*

DEC. 10 McCutcheon crossed 1,000 yards rushing and Robertson scored on interception. *Los Angeles 40, New York Giants 6.*

DEC. 16 Following Webster's resignation as coach, Giants ended season on discordant note. *Minnesota 31, New York Giants 7.*

GIANTS RECORDS

SCORING

Most Points
Lifetime – 595, Pete Gogolak
Season – 107, Pete Gogolak, 1970
Game – 24, Ron Johnson vs. Philadelphia, Oct. 2, 1972

Most Touchdowns
Lifetime – 78, Frank Gifford
Season – 17, Gene Roberts, 1949
Game – 4, Ron Johnson vs. Philadelphia, Oct. 2, 1972

Most Points After Touchdown Made
Lifetime – 247, Pete Gogolak
Season – 52, Don Chandler, 1963
Game – 8, Pete Gogolak vs. Philadelphia, Nov. 26, 1972

Most Field Goals Made
Lifetime – 116, Pete Gogolak
Season – 25, Pete Gogolak, 1970
Game – 4, Don Chandler vs. Philadelphia, Nov. 18, 1962
Don Chandler vs. Chicago, Dec. 2, 1962
Don Chandler vs. Cleveland, Oct. 27, 1963
Pete Gogolak vs. St. Louis, Oct. 9, 1966
Pete Gogolak vs. Cleveland, Dec. 4, 1966

Longest Field Goal
54, Pete Gogolak vs. Dallas, Nov. 8, 1970

RUSHING

Most Attempts
Lifetime – 1,196, Alex Webster
Season – 298, Ron Johnson, 1972
Game – 38, Harry Newman vs. Green Bay, Nov. 11, 1934

Most Yards Gained
Lifetime – 4,638, Alex Webster
Season – 1,182, Ron Johnson, 1972
Game – 218, Gene Roberts vs. Chi. Cardinals, Nov. 12, 1950

Most Games, 100 or More Yards
Lifetime – 11, Eddie Price
Season – 4, Eddie Price, 1951
Eddie Price, 1952
Ron Johnson, 1970
Ron Johnson, 1972

Longest Run From Scrimmage
91, Hap Moran vs. Green Bay, 1934

PASSING

Most Passes Attempted
Lifetime – 2,833, Charlie Conerly
Season – 409, Fran Tarkenton, 1969
Game – 53, Charlie Conerly vs. Pittsburgh, Dec. 5, 1948

Most Passes Completed
Lifetime – 1,418, Charlie Conerly
Season – 226, Fran Tarkenton, 1971
Game – 36, Charlie Conerly vs. Pittsburgh, Dec. 5, 1948

Most Yards Gained
Lifetime – 19,488, Charlie Conerly
Season – 3,224, Y. A. Tittle, 1962
Game – 505, Y. A. Tittle vs. Washington, Oct. 28, 1962

Longest Pass Completion
98, Earl Morrall to Homer Jones vs. Pittsburgh, Sept. 11, 1966

Most Touchdown Passes
Lifetime – 173, Charlie Conerly
Season – 36, Y. A. Tittle, 1963
Game – 7, Y. A. Tittle vs. Washington, Oct. 28, 1962

PASS RECEPTIONS

Most Pass Receptions
Lifetime – 395, Joe Morrison
Season – 68, Del Shofner, 1961
Game – 11, Frank Gifford vs. San Francisco, Dec. 1, 1957
Del Shofner vs. Washington, Oct. 28, 1962

Most Yards Gained
Lifetime – 5,434, Frank Gifford
Season – 1,209, Homer Jones, 1967
Game – 269, Del Shofner vs. Washington, Oct. 28, 1962

Most Touchdown Passes
Lifetime – 48, Kyle Rote
Season – 13, Homer Jones, 1967
Game – 3, by 12 players

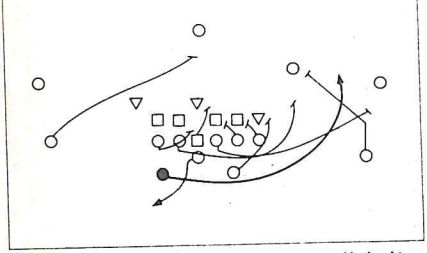
INTERCEPTIONS

Most Interceptions By
Lifetime – 74, Emlen Tunnell
Season – 11, Jimmy Patton, 1958
Otto Schnellbacher, 1951
Game – 3, by 17 players

Longest Return
102, Erich Barnes vs. Dallas, Oct. 15, 1961

PHILADELPHIA EAGLES

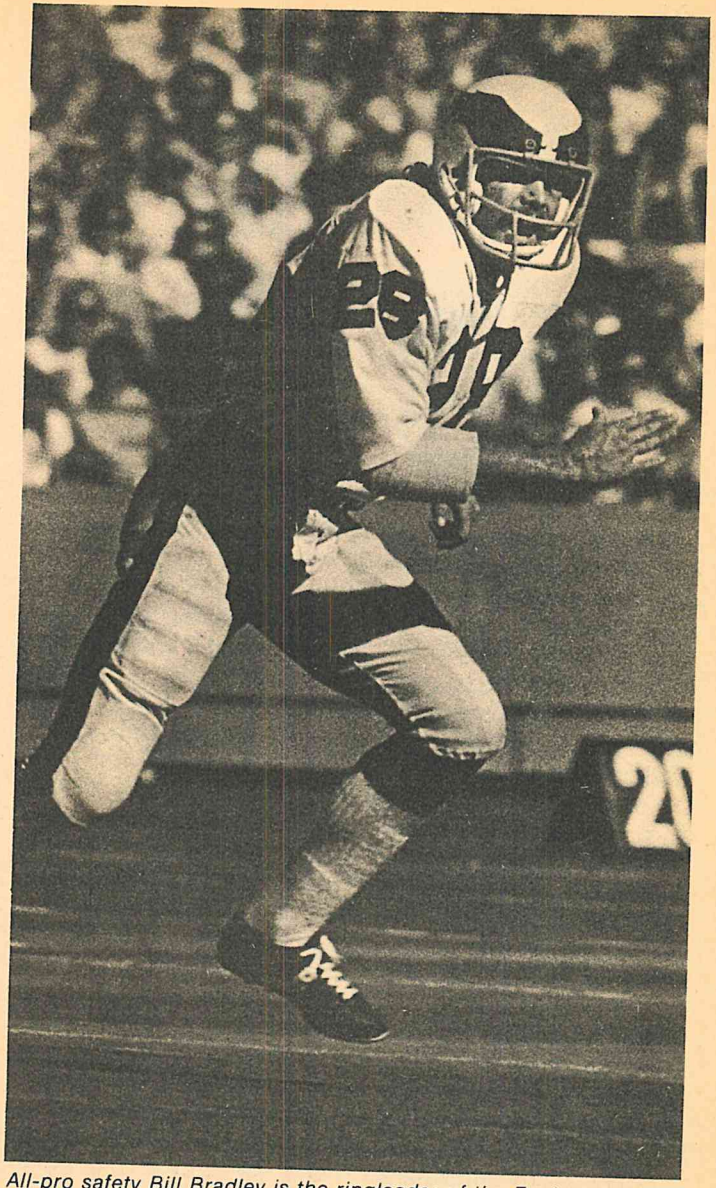
Coach McCormack's Eagles sweep



Mike McCormack is a coach who takes one thing at a time—and makes it work. The word from Big Mack a year ago was: "Improvement must come from the offense if we are to get anywhere." Well, the Eagles didn't go anywhere (a 5-8-1 record), but that offense did improve—to number two in the NFL. The Eagles were held to less than 20 points only twice in the 14-game schedule.

There was a new word from McCormack for 1974: "Our attention is on defense—you can't score enough to win if you don't have any defense." Considering McCormack's one-year track record as a head coach, the Big Green defense this season should be a terror. McCormack believes in fundamentals, so his first step at juicing up the Eagles' offense was to get a gunner, one of the best, Roman Gabriel from the Rams—and never mind the cost. Wide receiver Harold Jackson was part of the price, and it didn't matter that Jackson helped propel the Rams into the playoffs. McCormack is looking ahead. He also gave a good running back (Tony Baker) and a flock of draft choices (two number ones) for Gabriel but he has no regrets. "The club needed a leader and Gabe is as great a leader as he is a passer," McCormack said. Gabriel made a spectacular comeback from his elbow troubles, as McCormack hoped he would, and finished fourth in NFC passing.

Aside from the payoff on Gabriel, McCormack also

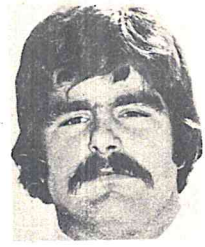


All-pro safety Bill Bradley is the ringleader of the Eagles' defense.

Wide Receiver Harold Carmichael

Tight End Charles Young

Running Back Tom Sullivan



Guard Jerry Sisemore

collected handsomely on a few of his other bets—that top draft choice Charles Young would be as good a tight end as Young thought he'd be (55 catches, six touchdowns) and that rookies Jerry Sisemore and Guy Morris would solidify the offensive line. "Our offense is set," McCormack says. "Our offensive line has jelled." Indeed, despite the necessary come-from-behind strategy dictated by most Eagles games last season when Gabriel's passes had to take priority, the line opened holes for a rushing average of 4.3, third highest in the National Conference.

A good coach also has to be lucky, and McCormack got a bonus from a special-teams rookie of the previous year, halfback Tom Sullivan. Sullivan beat out Po James for the starting job and then gained 968 yards and caught 50 passes for another 322.

Another trade, for the injury-plagued Norm Bulaich of Baltimore, also paid off. Bulaich averaged 4.1 yards.

The price that McCormack agreed to pay for Gabriel was destined to create headlines again this year, as he shopped for a middle linebacker. This is the foundation for champions—a great quarterback, a great middle linebacker—and the Eagles' coach is

determined to build that foundation very quickly.

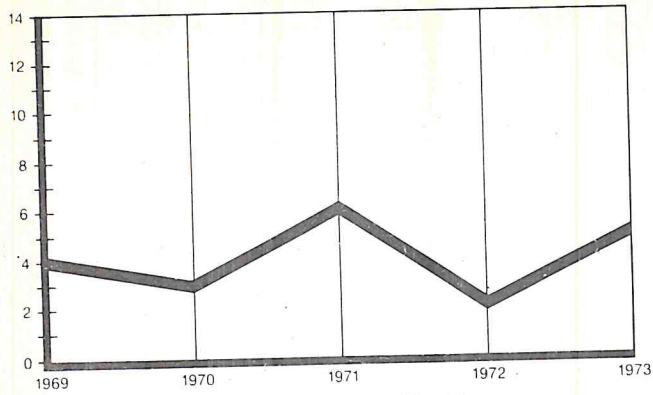
A sidelight on the Philadelphia condition is that even the Eagles' fans seem to sense the new direction. Philadelphians have a reputation as negative demonstrators—at a Yuletide halftime pageant they booed Santa Claus, and nightclub comedians claim the natives in Philly practice during the week by booing one another across street corners at the lunch hour. But the Eagles have had only one winning season since 1961. "We've already seen the response," says the Eagles' all-pro safety Bill Bradley. "If we could give these people a winner, we'd be kings."

The most startling emergence from nowhere was the achievements of 6-foot 8-inch wide receiver Harold Carmichael in his third NFL year. Carmichael had caught only 276 yards worth of passes as a second-year man, and was sometimes used as a tight end—to the bemusement of opposing defenders. And yet, slotted at wide receiver, and with Gabriel's passes lofting in, Carmichael led the NFL last season in both catches and total yards, 67 catches for 1,116 yards. Rookie Don Zimmerman of Northeast Louisiana came on surprisingly to grab 22 passes and score three times from the other wide spot.

Besides determining to get a veteran middle linebacker, McCormack devoted great attention to defensive players in his draft of collegians. The most promising are Mitch Sutton, a 6-foot 7-inch tackle from Kansas; Frank LeMaster, linebacker from Kentucky; and Jim Cagle, a 6-foot 5-inch tackle from Georgia.

"Your winning teams also have great special teams," McCormack notes, "and we have added some headhunters. LeMaster made over 100 tackles as a middle linebacker his senior year. Robert Woods was a middle linebacker at Howard Payne in Texas, another tremendous hitter who led his team in tackles. These are the kind of people we need."

Richard Harris, in his fourth year out of Grambling, is the Eagles' premier pass rusher, and Gary Pettigrew, a nine-year veteran, is his partner in assault. Steve Zabel and Tom Roussel are waiting for line-



Eagles Victories Last Five Years

backer help, and the much-maligned defensive backfield—led by John Outlaw and Bradley—is waiting for a better pass rush to help evaluate the pass-defense ranking, which was twenty-fifth in a 26-team league.

The players believe that McCormack will find a way. "I played for Paul Brown," the coach says, "and I coached under Vince Lombardi and George Allen. I think I learned a lot from each one."

NOTES—Gabriel dispelled any doubts about the physical condition of his passing arm by attempting 460 passes, more than he threw in any of his seasons with Los Angeles. His number of attempts was high in the NFL, as were his 270 completions and 3,219 yards gained. Twenty-three of the completions went for touchdowns, and despite the increased number of throws, Gabriel kept his interceptions to a minimum, throwing only 12. His 2.6 percentage of interceptions was good enough for a first-place tie with the Vikings' Fran Tarkenton...While Carmichael led the NFL in catches, tight end Young was fourth and Sullivan was eighth. The trio accounted for 16 touchdowns between them...No one was happier about the Eagles' improved offense than Tom Dempsey...Dempsey kicked 24 of 40 field goal attempts.

Stadium: **Veterans Stadium (AstroTurf; 65,358)** Colors: **Kelly Green and White**

THE COACHING STAFF

In one season, Mike McCormack more than doubled the previous year's total victories, from two to five, and if he does it again the Eagles should be in the playoffs. McCormack is best known as an all-pro offensive tackle for the champion Cleveland teams of the 1950s, and later as an offensive line coach in Washington. But, as a player, McCormack also functioned as the middle guard in a 5-3 defense. His assistants include Jerry Wampfler, defensive line; Walt Michaels, linebackers; Johnny Mazur, defensive backs; John Sandusky, offensive line; John Idzik, offensive backs; Boyd Dowler, passing; and Dick LeBeau, special teams. Otho Davis is the trainer and Rusty Sweeney the equipment manager.

1974 SCHEDULE

PRESEASON

Aug. 4	ATLANTA	8:00
Aug. 10	at Cincinnati	8:00
Aug. 17	PITTSBURGH	8:00
Aug. 24	at Oakland	8:00
Aug. 31	vs. N.Y. Giants at Princeton, N.J.	8:00
Sept. 8	at New England	8:00

REGULAR SEASON

Sept. 15	at St. Louis	1:00
Sept. 23	DALLAS (Monday)	9:00
Sept. 29	BALTIMORE	1:00
Oct. 6	at San Diego	1:00
Oct. 13	NEW YORK GIANTS	1:00
Oct. 20	at Dallas	1:00
Oct. 27	at New Orleans	1:00
Nov. 3	at Pittsburgh	1:00
Nov. 10	WASHINGTON	1:00
Nov. 17	ST. LOUIS	1:00
Nov. 24	at Washington	1:00
Dec. 1	GREEN BAY	1:00
Dec. 8	at New York Giants	1:00
Dec. 15	DETROIT	1:00

1974 EAGLES VETERAN ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Exp.	College	Games in 1973
39	Alexander, Kermit	S	5-11	187	33	12	UCLA	14
11	Arrington, Rick (1)	QB	6-3	200	27	4	Tulsa	0
31	Bailey, Tom	RB	6-2	211	25	4	Florida State	12
46	Bougess, Lee	RB	6-2	210	26	4	Louisville	8
28	Bradley, Bill	S-P	5-11	190	27	6	Texas	14
36	Bulaich, Norm	RB	6-1	218	27	5	Texas Christian	14
95	Bunting, John	LB	6-1	220	24	3	North Carolina	7
17	Carmichael, Harold	WR	6-8	225	24	4	Southern U.	14
21	Chesson, Wes (2)	WR	6-2	189	25	4	Duke	2
8	Coleman, Al	S	6-0	183	29	7	Tennessee State	14
81	Davis, Stan	WR	5-10	180	24	2	Memphis State	8
19	Dempsey, Tom	K	6-1	255	27	6	Palomar J.C.	14
61	Dunstan, Bill	DT	6-4	250	25	2	Utah State	14
5	Gabriel, Roman	QB	6-4	220	34	13	North Carolina State	14
	Germany, Willie (3)	CB	6-0	195	26	3	Morgan State	6
56	Halverson, Dean	LB	6-2	225	28	6	Washington	5
84	Harris, Richard	DT	6-5	265	26	4	Grambling	11
18	Hawkins, Ben	WR	6-1	180	30	9	Arizona State	4
83	Hultz, Don	DT	6-3	241	33	12	Southern Mississippi	3
27	James, Ron	RB	6-1	202	25	3	New Mexico State	10
72	Key, Wade	G	6-5	245	27	5	Southwest Texas State	12
66	Kirksey, Roy	G	6-1	255	26	4	Md.-Eastern Shore	7
87	Kramer, Kent	TE	6-4	235	30	8	Minnesota	11
30	Lavender, Joe	CB	6-4	190	25	2	San Diego State	13
41	Logan, Randy	S	6-1	195	23	2	Michigan	14
63	Luken, Tom	G	6-3	253	24	3	Purdue	3
12	McNeill, Tom	P	6-1	195	30	8	Stephen F. Austin	10
62	Morriss, Guy	C	6-4	255	23	2	Texas Christian	14
26	Nelson, Al	CB	5-11	186	30	10	Cincinnati	8
68	Nordquist, Mark	G	6-4	246	28	7	Pacific	14
48	Oliver, Greg	RB	6-0	192	25	2	Trinity	11
20	Outlaw, John	CB	5-10	180	29	6	Jackson State	7
88	Pettigrew, Gary	DT	6-5	255	29	9	Stanford	14
77	Philbin, Gerry	DE	6-2	245	33	11	Buffalo	13
82	Picard, Bob	WR	6-1	195	24	2	Eastern Washington	14
7	Reaves, John	QB	6-3	210	24	3	Florida	1
52	Reilly, Kevin	LB	6-2	220	23	2	Villanova	7
54	Roussel, Tom	LB	6-3	235	29	7	Southern Mississippi	3
76	Sisemore, Jerry	T	6-4	260	23	2	Texas	13
74	Smith, Steve	T	6-5	250	30	8	Michigan	14
96	Sodaski, John	LB	6-2	222	26	4	Villanova	14
73	Stevens, Richard	T	6-4	245	26	5	Baylor	11
25	Sullivan, Tom	RB	6-0	190	24	3	Miami	13
23	Williams, Roger (4)	S	5-11	180	28	3	Grambling	0
67	Winfield, Vern	G	6-2	248	25	3	Minnesota	5
71	Wynn, William	DE	6-4	245	25	2	Tennessee State	12
86	Young, Charles	TE	6-4	238	23	2	USC	14
89	Zabel, Steve	LB	6-4	234	26	5	Oklahoma	11
80	Zimmerman, Don	WR	6-3	195	24	2	Northeast Louisiana	14

(1) Active for 3 games in 1973 but did not play.
(2) Played 2 games with Atlanta in 1973.
(3) Played 6 games with Detroit in 1973.
(4) Last active with Los Angeles in 1972.

TOP DRAFT CHOICES

Round	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Exp.	College
3	Sutton, Mitch	DT	6-7	252	23	R	Kansas
4	le Master, Frank	LB	6-2	224	22	R	Kentucky
5	Cagle, Jim	DT	6-5	245	22	R	Georgia
7	Cullars, Willie	DE	6-5	250	22	R	Kansas State
8	Woods, Robert	LB	6-2	244	23	R	Howard Payne

1973 LEADERS

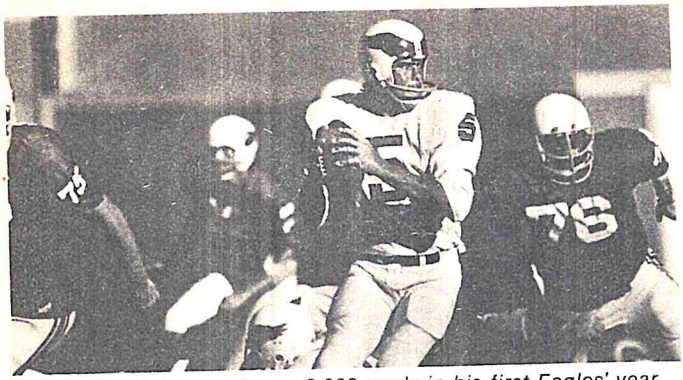
Rushing (yards)	Tom Sullivan 968
Passing (percentage)	Roman Gabriel 58.7
Passing (yards)	Roman Gabriel 3,219
Passing (touchdowns)	Roman Gabriel 23
Receiving (number)	Harold Carmichael 67
Receiving (yards)	Harold Carmichael 1,116
Interceptions (number)	Randy Logan 5
Punting (average)	Tom McNeill 40.9
Punt Returns (average)	Bill Bradley 13.3
Kickoff Returns (average)	Po James 25.8
Field Goals	Tom Dempsey 24
Touchdowns	Harold Carmichael 9
Points	Tom Dempsey 106

RECENT TRADES

Defensive end Dennis Wirgowski to San Diego for a draft choice.

Draft choices to Cincinnati for rookie quarterback Mike Boryla.

Center Mike Evans to Detroit for safety Willie Germany.



Roman Gabriel passed over 3,000 yards in his first Eagles' year.

The 5-8-1 Season of 1973

SEPT. 16 Cardinals scored 3 touchdowns in first 7 minutes, then withstood rally by Eagles. *St. Louis 34, Philadelphia 23.*

SEPT. 23 After Gabriel passed for go-ahead score, Gogolak kicked tying field goal at final gun. *Philadelphia 23, New York Giants 23.*

SEPT. 30 Making first start of season, Jurgensen shot down Eagles with two touchdown passes. *Washington 28, Philadelphia 7.*

OCT. 7 After Eagles drove to Bills 19 with 0:03 left, Dempsey missed a 26-yard field goal attempt. *Buffalo 27, Philadelphia 26.*

OCT. 14 Down 24-13 with five minutes to play, Eagles won on Gabriel-to-Zimmerman scoring pass. *Philadelphia 27, St. Louis 24.*

OCT. 21 Gabriel stung Vikings defense with 23 of 32, three touchdown passing performance. *Minnesota 28, Philadelphia 21.*

OCT. 28 Eagles defeated Cowboys first time since 1967 on Gabriel-to-Carmichael touchdowns. *Philadelphia 30, Dallas 16.*

NOV. 4 Dempsey, goat vs. Buffalo, redeemed himself with 12-yard winning field goal at 0:35. *Philadelphia 24, New England 23.*

NOV. 11 Eagles, tied 20-20 after three quarters, fell apart in final period as Falcons finally exploded. *Atlanta 44, Philadelphia 27.*

NOV. 18 Cowboys avenged earlier loss to Eagles, hurt when Gabriel left game with bruised elbow. *Dallas 31, Philadelphia 10.*

NOV. 25 Favoring bruised elbow, Gabriel ran ground attack; Sullivan had 156 yards rushing. *Philadelphia 20, New York Giants 16.*

DEC. 2 Gabriel unloaded 55 passes, five off club record, completed 28 for two touchdowns. *San Francisco 38, Philadelphia 28.*

DEC. 9 Overcoming 17-0 Jets lead, Eagles climaxed comeback on Outlaw interception score. *Philadelphia 24, New York Jets 23.*

DEC. 16 Carmichael ended season with 66 catches, breaking old club record of 65 by Retzlaff. *Washington 38, Philadelphia 20.*

EAGLES RECORDS

SCORING

Most Points
Lifetime – 881, Bobby Walston
Season – 114, Bobby Walston, 1954
Game – 25, Bobby Walston vs. Washington, Oct. 17, 1954

Most Touchdowns
Lifetime – 77, Steve Van Buren
Season – 18, Steve Van Buren, 1945
Game – 4, Joe Carter vs. Cincinnati, Nov. 6, 1934
Clarence Peaks vs. Chi. Cardinals, Nov. 16, 1958
Tommy McDonald vs. N. Y. Giants Oct. 4, 1959
Ben Hawkins vs. Pittsburgh, Sept. 28, 1969

Most Points After Touchdown Made
Lifetime – 365, Bobby Walston
Season – 50, Cliff Patton, 1948
Game – 8, Bobby Walston vs. Chi. Cardinals, Oct. 25, 1953
Cliff Patton vs. Los Angeles, Oct. 27, 1950

Most Field Goals Made
Lifetime – 90, Sam Baker
Season – 24, Tom Dempsey, 1973
Game – 6, Tom Dempsey vs. Houston, Nov. 12, 1972

Longest Field Goal
54, Tom Dempsey vs. St. Louis, Dec. 12, 1971

RUSHING

Most Attempts
Lifetime – 1,320, Steve Van Buren
Season – 263, Steve Van Buren, 1949
Game – 35, Steve Van Buren vs. N. Y. Bulldogs, Nov. 20, 1949

Most Yards Gained
Lifetime – 5,860, Steve Van Buren
Season – 1,146, Steve Van Buren, 1949
Game – 205, Steve Van Buren vs. Pittsburgh, Nov. 27, 1949

Most Games, 100 or More Yards
Lifetime – 19, Steve Van Buren
Season – 5, Steve Van Buren, 1949

Longest Run From Scrimmage
77, Bosh Pritchard vs. Washington, Oct. 23, 1949

PASSING

Most Passes Attempted
Lifetime – 2,236, Norman Snead
Season – 460, Roman Gabriel, 1973
Game – 70, Davey O'Brien vs. Washington, Dec. 1, 1940

Most Passes Completed
Lifetime – 1,154, Norman Snead
Season – 270, Roman Gabriel, 1973
Game – 33, Davey O'Brien, vs. Washington, Dec. 1, 1940

Most Yards Gained
Lifetime – 15,672, Norman Snead
Season – 3,723, Sonny Jurgensen, 1961
Game – 437, Bobby Thomason vs. N. Y. Giants, Nov. 18, 1953

Longest Pass Completion
92, King Hill to Ben Hawkins vs. N. Y. Giants, Sept. 22, 1968

Most Touchdown Passes
Lifetime – 111, Norman Snead
Season – 32, Sonny Jurgensen, 1961
Game – 7, Adrian Burk vs. Washington, Oct. 17, 1954

PASS RECEPTIONS

Most Pass Receptions
Lifetime – 452, Pete Retzlaff
Season – 67, Harold Carmichael, 1973
Game – 14, Don Looney vs. Washington, Dec. 1, 1940

Most Yards Gained
Lifetime – 7,412, Pete Retzlaff
Season – 1,265, Ben Hawkins, 1967
Game – 237, Tommy McDonald vs. N. Y. Giants, Dec. 10, 1961

Most Touchdown Passes
Lifetime – 66, Tommy McDonald
Season – 13, Tommy McDonald, 1960
Tommy McDonald, 1961
Game – 4, Joe Carter vs. Cincinnati, Nov. 6, 1934
4, Ben Hawkins vs. Pittsburgh, Sept. 28, 1969

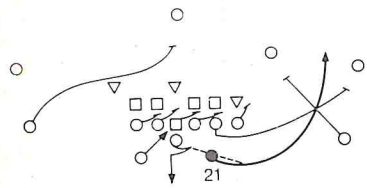
INTERCEPTIONS

Most Interceptions By
Lifetime – 29, Don Burroughs
Season – 11, Bill Bradley, 1971
Game – 4, Russ Craft vs. Chi. Cardinals, Sept. 24, 1950

Longest Return
105, Tim Brown vs. Cleveland, touchdown, Sept. 17, 1961

ST. LOUIS CARDINALS

Quick pitch frees runner Terry Metcalf



On the cold surface of wins and losses, there was not any difference between the St. Louis Cardinals under new coach Don Coryell last season and the two seasons before. The Cardinals were still stuck on a 4-9-1 record.

But everything else has changed and the trend is definitely up. "No matter what happened," Coryell says, "our players never gave up. We have a lot of fighters out there."

Mainly, Coryell has laid to rest the discontent that often was a part of recent Cardinals teams. After long and great success with San Diego State, the frustration of only four victories was a shock to Coryell, but he stuck with his exciting brand of football—a pass-dominated game—and that should pay additional dividends under new rules this season.

The Cardinals' pass attack ranked fifth in the NFL in 1973, with Jim Hart seemingly realizing the promise of earlier years. Hart completed 55.6 percent of his throws and threw only 10 interceptions. This is the kind of quarterbacking that can take a team into the playoffs.

To back up Hart—indeed, if not to threaten him—Coryell traded for his onetime San Diego State star, Dennis Shaw, sending receiver Ahmad Rashad to Buffalo to obtain him. This will be Shaw's fifth season in the NFL, and if Coryell can bring him back to his rookie talents, St. Louis will have a prize.

High-flying Terry Metcalf became a Cardinals' rookie regular.

Tight End Jackie Smith

Quarterback Dennis Shaw

Linebacker Pete Barnes

Cornerback Roger Wehrli

The Cardinals' wide receiver department is in the very good hands of Mel Gray and Walker Gillette. Top draft choice J. V. (for James Victor) Cain of Colorado was picked as a tight end. He's 6-feet 4-inches and 220 pounds. But he'll get some playing time at wide receiver. Veteran tight end Jackie Smith led the Cardinals in receiving and showed no signs of slowing down. Smith also will be used occassionally at split end.

The Cardinals are hopeful that their rookie surprise of last season, Terry Metcalf, will be even better as a second-year pro. He gives the team a vital outside running threat, and he is capable of turning a line plunge into a long run. Versatile Donny Anderson is still going strong at the other running back spot and former New York Jet Cliff McClain has been added, as has Ken Willard from the 49ers.

There is plenty of hope for improvement in the offensive line, since tackle Ernie McMillan is the only man with more than five years experience. Tackle Dan Dierdorf, guards Conrad Dobler and Tom Banks, and center Wayne Mulligan have had little time to develop as a unit. Mulligan, in fact, will be pressed

hard by second-year man Tom Brahaney, an Oklahoma product.

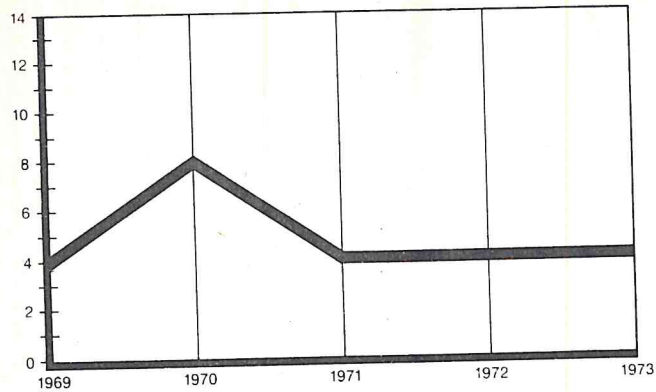
The defensive line also has a lot of youth—plus some new faces—to sort out if the opponents' rushing average of 150 yards a game is to be lowered. Tackle Bob Rowe is the only defensive lineman who is sure of a starting role. The coaches hope to move end Dave Butz to tackle and find outside pass rushers from among Jimmie Jones, Ron Yankowski, and Bonnie Sloan. Veteran John Richardson will have to battle to hold his starting tackle spot.

Linebacker Larry Stallings, in his twelfth season at age 32, is the Cardinals' defensive leader. Mark Arneson, in only his third year, has taken over at middle linebacker, and the other outside spot will go to either Pete Barnes or Jeff Staggs.

This front seven must generate some pressure. The Cardinals' pass defense was twenty-sixth in the NFL a year ago. Cornerbacks Norm Thompson and Roger Wehrli are an outstanding duo, but they are handicapped when the opposing quarterback has too much time to throw. Safeties Jim Tolbert and Clarence Duren will be pushed by Chuck Detwiler and rookie Vince Ancell of Arkansas State.

"We have some good players," Coryell says. "Injuries hurt our defense last season. We are better prepared in several ways for 1974."

NOTES—The Cardinals' punting game was weak in 1973 (Gary Keithley had a 37.5-yard punting average). Coryell will try a variety of challengers, including rookie soccer kicker Sergio Albert of Mexico, who specializes in field goals...The field goal department is still handled ably by Jim Bakken, who is deadly from inside the 40-yard line, with 20 of 23. All three of his misses were blocked...Coryell likes to remind fans that Jim Hart had a solid year even though he played the last half of the season with various injuries ...The punt return chores likely will fall to rookie John Moseley of Missouri. He's only 5-foot 7-inches and 160 pounds. A tough athlete, Moseley had a collegiate



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reputation for making long returns in clutch situations. Cornerback Roger Wehrli has been the Cardinals' punt return man...The Cardinals threw more passes than any other team in the league, except Philadelphia, and they won't slow down this season...Coryell suspected all along that Terry Metcalf could run (he was the most valuable player in the Coaches All-America game), but the coach was pleasantly surprised at how well Metcalf could run patterns and catch the ball. He caught 37 in 1973...The Cardinals' out-of-division opponents this year include only one playoff team, Minnesota. The other five averaged only five wins apiece last season...Rookie tackle Greg Kindle (6-4, 255) of Tennessee State's small-college champs will have a chance to start this season.

Stadium: **Busch Memorial Stadium (AstroTurf; 51,392)** Colors: **Cardinal Red, White and Black**

THE COACHING STAFF

Don Coryell had an 83 percent winning record and three unbeaten seasons as a college coach. The 49-year-old Coryell this season will coach the quarterbacks and receivers, with some help from a new young aide, Wayne Sevier, who will also have special-team responsibilities. Coryell's other assistants on offense are Joe Gibbs, backfield; and Jim Hanifan, line. Ray Willsey is his top assistant on defense, with Sid Hall for linebackers, and Jim Champion for defensive backs. Tom Dolan is the trainer and the equipment manager is Bill Simmons.

1974 SCHEDULE

PRESEASON

Aug. 3	vs. Chicago at Champaign, Ill.	1:30
Aug. 10	vs. Green Bay (Milwaukee)	8:00
Aug. 17	vs. San Diego at Memphis, Tenn.	8:00
Aug. 23	NEW YORK JETS	7:30
Aug. 31	MINNESOTA	7:00
Sept. 6	at Kansas City	8:00

REGULAR SEASON

Sept. 15	PHILADELPHIA	1:00
Sept. 22	at Washington	1:00
Sept. 29	CLEVELAND	1:00
Oct. 6	at San Francisco	1:00
Oct. 13	DALLAS	1:00
Oct. 20	at Houston	1:00
Oct. 27	WASHINGTON	1:00
Nov. 3	at Dallas	1:00
Nov. 11	MINNESOTA (Monday)	8:00
Nov. 17	at Philadelphia	1:00
Nov. 24	at New York Giants	1:00
Dec. 1	KANSAS CITY	1:00
Dec. 8	at New Orleans	1:00
Dec. 15	NEW YORK GIANTS	1:00

1974 CARDINALS VETERAN ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Exp.	College	Games in 1973
44	Anderson, Donny	RB-P	6-2	215	31	9	Texas Tech	14
57	Arneson, Mark	LB	6-2	220	24	3	Arizona	14
25	Bakken, Jim	K	6-0	200	33	13	Wisconsin	14
54	Banks, Tom	G	6-1	245	24	4	Auburn	14
59	Barnes, Pete	LB	6-1	240	29	8	Southern U.	12
33	Belton, Willie	RB	5-11	195	26	4	Md.-Eastern Shore	3
51	Brahaney, Tom	C	6-2	225	22	2	Oklahoma	14
70	Brooks, Leo	DT	6-6	265	26	5	Texas	13
38	Burns, Leon (1)	RB	6-1	220	30	3	Long Beach State	0
62	Butz, Dave	DE	6-7	280	24	2	Purdue	12
26	Crump, Dwayne	CB	5-11	180	24	2	Fresno State	14
76	Davis, Ron	G	6-2	235	23	2	Virginia State	2
42	Detwiler, Chuck	S	6-0	185	27	5	Utah State	10
72	Dierdorf, Dan	T	6-3	275	25	4	Michigan	14
66	Dobler, Conrad	G	6-3	250	23	3	Wyoming	12
41	Duren, Clarence	S	6-1	190	23	2	California	11
60	Finnie, Roger	G	6-3	245	28	6	Florida A&M	12
84	Gillette, Walker	WR	6-5	200	27	5	Richmond	14
85	Gray, Mel	WR	5-9	175	25	4	Missouri	12
55	Hamlin, Gene (2)	C	6-3	240	28	4	Western Michigan	1
30	Hammond, Gary	WR-RB	5-11	180	25	2	Southern Methodist	9
17	Hart, Jim	QB	6-1	215	30	9	Southern Illinois	12
	Hester, Ray (3)	LB	6-2	220	25	4	Tulane	6
	Jones, Jimmie (4)	DE	6-5	240	27	6	Wichita State	6
12	Keithley, Gary	QB	6-3	205	23	2	Texas-El Paso	14
52	LeVeck, Jack	LB	6-0	225	24	2	Ohio	11
80	McFarland, Jim	TE	6-5	225	26	5	Nebraska	14
73	McMillan, Ernie	T	6-5	275	35	14	Illinois	7
21	Metcalf, Terry	RB	5-10	185	22	2	Long Beach State	12
58	Miller, Terry	LB	6-2	225	28	5	Illinois	14
27	Moss, Eddie	RB	6-0	215	25	2	Southeast Missouri	5
50	Mulligan, Wayne	C	6-3	260	27	6	Clemson	13
35	Otis, Jim	RB	6-0	220	26	5	Ohio State	10
37	Owens, Marv	WR	5-11	205	24	2	San Diego State	8
65	Reynolds, Bob (5)	T	6-5	265	35	12	Bowling Green	9
71	Richardson, John	DT	6-3	245	29	8	UCLA	14
53	Rivers, Jamie	LB	6-2	245	28	7	Bowling Green	10
75	Rowe, Bob	DT	6-4	270	29	8	Western Michigan	14
74	Rudolph, Council	DE	6-4	250	24	3	Kentucky State	5
16	Shaw, Dennis (6)	QB	6-2	230	26	5	San Diego State	4
24	Shy, Don	RB	6-1	215	28	8	San Diego State	11
49	Sledge, Leroy (7)	RB	6-2	235	27	2	Bakersfield	0
79	Sloan, Bonnie	DT	6-5	260	25	2	Austin Peay	4
81	Smith, Jackie	TE	6-4	235	34	12	Northwest Louisiana	14
87	Staggs, Jeff	LB	6-1	240	30	8	San Diego State	13
67	Stallings, Larry	LB	6-1	230	32	12	Georgia Tech	14
68	Taylor, Mike	T	6-4	255	29	6	USC	6
43	Thompson, Norm	S	6-1	180	29	4	Utah	11
45	Tolbert, Jim	CB	6-4	200	30	8	Lincoln, Mo.	13
40	Washington, Eric	CB	6-2	190	24	3	Texas-El Paso	9
22	Wehrli, Roger	CB	6-0	190	26	6	Missouri	11
78	Yankowski, Ron	DE	6-5	240	27	4	Kansas State	14
64	Young, Bob	G	6-1	270	31	9	Howard Payne	13

(1) Missed entire 1973 season because of injury.
(2) Last active with Detroit in 1972.
(3) Played 6 games with New Orleans in 1973.
(4) Played 6 games with Washington in 1973.
(5) Played 8 games with New England, one game with St. Louis, in 1973.
(6) Played 4 games with Buffalo in 1973.
(7) Last active with Houston in 1972.

TOP DRAFT CHOICES

Round	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	NFL Exp.	College
1	Cain, J. V.	TE	6-4	220	23	R	Colorado
2	Kindle, Greg	T	6-4	255	23	R	Tennessee State
3	George, Steve	DT	6-5	250	23	R	Houston
4a	Harris, Ike	WR	6-3	205	21	R	Iowa State
5	Neils, Steve	LB	6-2	210	23	R	Minnesota

1973 LEADERS

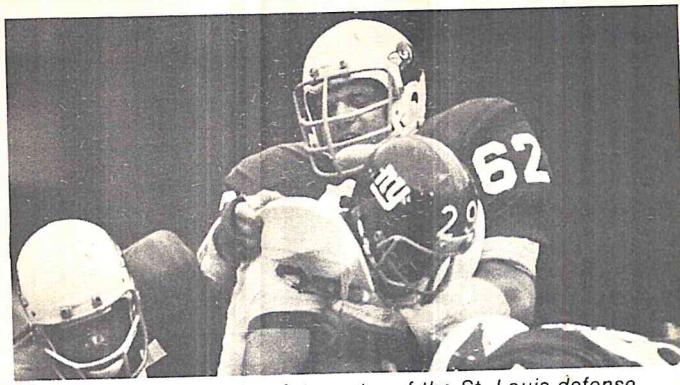
Rushing (yards)	Donny Anderson 679
Passing (percentage)	Jim Hart 55.6
Passing (yards)	Jim Hart 2,223
Passing (touchdowns)	Jim Hart 15
Receiving (number)	Donny Anderson and Jackie Smith 41
Receiving (yards)	Jackie Smith 600
Interceptions (number)	Clarence Duren and Jim Tolbert 2
Punting (average)	Gary Keithley 37.5
Punt Returns (average)	Gary Hammond 7.3
Kickoff Returns (average)	Don Shy 27.8
Field Goals	Jim Bakken 23
Touchdowns	Donny Anderson 13
Points	Jim Bakken 100

RECENT TRADES

Wide receiver Ahmad Rashad to Buffalo for quarterback Dennis Shaw.

A draft choice to New Orleans for linebacker Ray Hester.

Rookie guard Fred Sturt to Washington for defensive end Jimmie Jones and draft choices.



Young Dave Butz (62) is a future star of the St. Louis defense.

The 4-9-1 Season of 1973

SEPT. 16 Holding off late Eagles rally, Cardinals held on for Coryell's first victory as NFL coach. *St. Louis 34, Philadelphia 23.*

SEPT. 23 In game featuring back-to-back kickoff returns for touchdowns, Cards upset Redskins. *St. Louis 34, Washington 27.*

SEPT. 30 Staubach and Morton punctured Cardinals pass defense for 335 yards, four touchdowns. *Dallas 45, St. Louis 10.*

OCT. 7 Raiders ended touchdown drought, driving 86 and 77 yards for deciding second-half scores. *Oakland 17, St. Louis 10.*

OCT. 14 Leading 24-13 with five minutes left, Cardinals lost on Gabriel-to-Zimmerman scoring pass. *Philadelphia 27, St. Louis 24.*

OCT. 21 Alert Redskins shackled Hart's passing, only 15 of 39 completions, in brawl-filled contest. *Washington 31, St. Louis 13.*

OCT. 28 Cardinals bounced back on Hart's four touchdown passes, three to speedster Gray. *St. Louis 35, New York Giants 27.*

NOV. 4 Turner's field goal at only 0:01 gave Broncos tie in game where lead changed hands four times. *St. Louis 17, Denver 17.*

NOV. 11 Win-hungry Packers built 22-7 halftime lead, then held off Hart-inspired final-quarter rally. *Green Bay 25, St. Louis 21.*

NOV. 18 Giants broke seven-game loss streak at Cards expense as Johnson sparked victory. *New York Giants 24, St. Louis 13.*

NOV. 25 Anderson ran for 105 yards, but Cards could not contain Bengals QB Anderson. *Cincinnati 42, St. Louis 24.*

DEC. 2 Visiting Lions upended Cardinals on Munson-to-Sanders touchdown pass early in fourth quarter. *Detroit 20, St. Louis 16.*

DEC. 9 Underdog Cardinals dealt Falcons playoff hopes crippling blow as Bakken kicked six field goals. *St. Louis 32, Atlanta 10.*

DEC. 16 Picking up where Cowboys defense had left off, Staubach passed for 256 yards, three touchdowns. *Dallas 30, St. Louis 3.*

CARDINALS RECORDS

SCORING

Most Points
- Lifetime – 1,005, Jim Bakken
- Season – 117, Jim Bakken, 1967
- Game – 40, Ernie Nevers vs. Chi. Bears, Nov. 28, 1929

Most Touchdowns
- Lifetime – 60, Sonny Randle
- Season – 17, John David Crow, 1962
- Game – 6, Ernie Nevers vs. Chi. Bears, Nov. 28, 1929

Most Points After Touchdown Made
- Lifetime – 369, Jim Bakken
- Season – 53, Pat Harder, 1948
- Game – 9, Pat Harder vs. N. Y. Giants, Oct. 17, 1949

Most Field Goals Made
- Lifetime – 212, Jim Bakken
- Season – 27, Jim Bakken, 1967
- Game – 7, Jim Bakken vs. Pittsburgh, Sept. 24, 1967

Longest Field Goal
- 51, Jim Bakken vs. Cleveland, Sept. 20, 1964

RUSHING

Most Attempts
- Lifetime – 962, John Roland
- Season – 234, John Roland, 1967
- Game – 35, George Grosvenor vs. Green Bay, Dec. 4, 1936

Most Yards Gained
- Lifetime – 3,608, John Roland
- Season – 1,071, John David Crow, 1960
- Game – 203, John David Crow vs. Pittsburgh, Dec. 18, 1960

Most Games, 100 or More Yards
- Lifetime – 6, John Roland
- Season – 4, John David Crow, 1960
  John Roland, 1967

Longest Run From Scrimmage
- 83, John David Crow vs. Washington, Oct. 4, 1958

PASSING

Most Passes Attempted
- Lifetime – 2,047, Charley Johnson
- Season – 423, Charley Johnson, 1963
- Game – 51, Lamar McHan vs. Los Angeles, Nov. 30, 1958

Most Passes Completed
- Lifetime – 1,030, Charley Johnson
- Season – 223, Charley Johnson, 1964
- Game – 28, Lamar McHan vs. Los Angeles, Nov. 30, 1958
  28, Charley Johnson vs. Philadelphia, Dec. 13, 1964

Most Yards Gained
- Lifetime – 14,928, Charley Johnson
- Season – 3,280, Charley Johnson, 1963
- Game – 428, Charley Johnson vs. Pittsburgh, Oct. 13, 1963

Longest Pass Completion
- 98, Doug Russell to Gaynell Tinsley vs. Cleveland Rams, Nov. 27, 1938
  Ogden Compton to Dick Lane vs. Green Bay, Nov. 13, 1955
  Jim Hart to Ahmad Rashad vs. Los Angeles, Dec. 10, 1972

Most Touchdown Passes
- Lifetime – 108, Charley Johnson
- Season – 28, Charley Johnson, 1963
- Game – 6, Jim Hardy vs. Baltimore, Oct. 2, 1950
  Charley Johnson vs. Cleveland, Sept. 26, 1969
  Charley Johnson vs. New Orleans, Nov. 2, 1969

PASS RECEPTIONS

Most Pass Receptions
- Lifetime – 434, Jackie Smith
- Season – 73, Bobby Joe Conrad, 1963
- Game – 16, Sonny Randle vs. N. Y. Giants, Nov. 4, 1962

Most Yards Gained
- Lifetime – 7,188, Jackie Smith
- Season – 1,205, Jackie Smith, 1967
- Game – 256, Sonny Randle vs. N. Y. Giants, Nov. 4, 1962

Most Touchdown Passes
- Lifetime – 60, Sonny Randle
- Season – 15, Sonny Randle, 1960
- Game – 5, Bob Shaw vs. Baltimore, Oct. 2, 1950

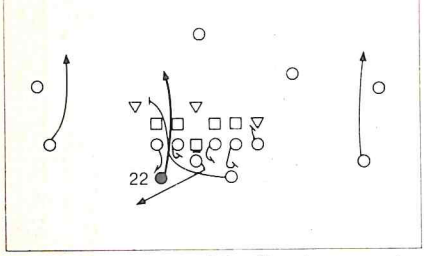
INTERCEPTIONS

Most Interceptions By
- Lifetime – 52, Larry Wilson
- Season – 12, Bob Nussbaumer, 1949
- Game – 4, Bob Nussbaumer, vs. N.Y. Bulldogs, Nov. 13, 1949
  Jerry Norton vs. Washington, Nov. 20, 1960
  Jerry Norton vs. Pittsburgh, Nov. 26, 1961

Longest Return
- 96, Larry Wilson vs. Cleveland, Dec. 19, 1965

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS

The draw play to quick Vic Washington



After three consecutive years as NFC West champions, the San Francisco 49ers staggered through 1973 with a 5-9 record, winning only two of their last eight games.

It is a better club than that record indicates, and coach Dick Nolan has several priorities. "First, we have to put the main emphasis on the running game," he said. "And we need a more consistent pass rush."

A variety of important performers—notably cornerback Jimmy Johnson, wide receiver Gene Washington, and middle linebacker Frank Nunley—were slowed by injuries last year. The injuries were the kind that didn't prevent the players from playing but kept them from playing at full speed. "You have to have everything going for you at all times," says Nolan, who didn't in 1973.

Nolan's first step in putting new emphasis on a sagging running game came at the draft table. The 49ers' first draft choice was Wilbur Jackson, a talented runner from Alabama. Jackson figures to get plenty of opportunities, along with incumbent starters Larry Schreiber and Vic Washington. Minor hurts also hobbled Washington last year, and Schreiber will be coming off a major knee operation. The 49ers' running attack ranked twenty-first in the NFL, which didn't please Nolan. He did find a silver lining, though. "They figure it on total yards," he says. "The average gain per rush wasn't that bad." San Francisco's 4.1

49ers seek a quarterback who can get ball to Gene Washington.

Center Forrest Blue

Quarterback Steve Spurrier

Linebacker Willie Harper

Defensive End Tommy Hart

yard average was tenth in the league.

The 49ers' slump may be more accurately traced to a decline in the defensive line, which had been one of the team's strengths in the championship seasons. Tommy Hart, Charlie Krueger, Bob Hoskins, and Cedrick Hardman led a charge that sacked opposing quarterbacks only 32 times, 14 less than their league-leading total of 1972. Krueger has retired, and Nolan will look first to younger brother Rolf to take his place. Nolan also has two other candidates for the position: Bill Belk, who has been a defensive end, and number two draft choice Bill Sandifer of UCLA; Sandifer is 6 foot 6 inches and weighs 278 pounds. Hoskins was struck by Hodgkins disease during the off-season, but the club is assured he is making a satisfactory recovery.

The remainder of the 49ers' lineup seems a match for anyone. The elegant Gene Washington and the underrated Dan Abramowicz form a superb twosome at wide receiver, and the tight end is one of pro football's best, Ted Kwalick.

For the first time in 17 seasons, John Brodie will not be with the 49ers. Brodie's retirement turns the quarterback job over initially to Steve Spurrier and

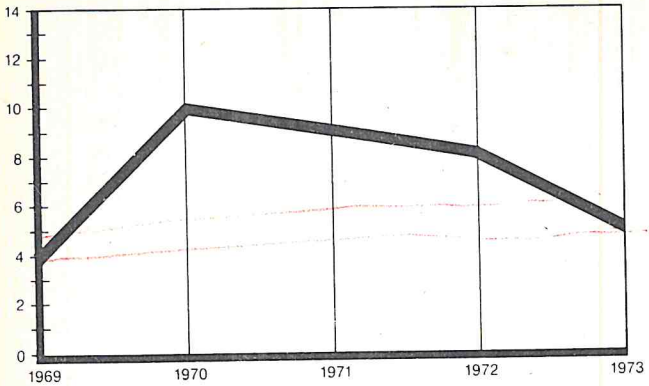
his backup, Joe Reed, but it is a position that must be solidified if the 49ers expect to return to title contention. Until the middle of last season, Brodie had been San Francisco's quarterback longer than most San Franciscans could remember, but Nolan is confident Spurrier will develop into the 49ers' new leader. A first-round draft choice in 1966, Spurrier completed 52.9 percent of his passes, though he spent most of the season throwing from two or three touchdowns behind. Reed played in spots, and indicated he has the arm, if not the experience.

San Francisco's outstanding offensive line remains intact. Clustered around all-pro center Forrest Blue are guards Randy Beisler and Woody Peoples, and tackles Cas Banaszek and Len Rohde. One of the sport's iron men, Rohde enters his fifteenth season with the 49ers. If Spurrier, now in his eighth year, can take charge in his new role of undisputed number one, Blue and the rest will follow his lead.

One of 1973's few bright spots was the rapid emergence of rookie linebacker Willie Harper from Nebraska. Harper was pressed into service when Skip Vanderbundt was injured, and now he'll battle Vanderbundt for the starting job. Jim Sniadecki will challenge Nunley in the middle. There will be little or no competition on the strongside. All-pro Dave Wilcox is one of the league's finest, and he seems to get better every year.

Nolan, a onetime cornerback himself, describes his defensive secondary as "four really fine ones." They are cornermen Bruce Taylor and Jimmy Johnson who, at 36, is still one of the best. Johnson's presence guarantees that Taylor will get a lot of passes his way, and if Taylor eliminates his occasional urge to gamble, the unit could be even more effective. The safeties are steady Mel Phillips and Windlan Hall.

San Francisco's kicking is dependable. Kicker Bruce Gossett made 26 of 33 field goal attempts, and Tom Wittum led the NFC in punting with a 43.7 yard average. Wittum, a rookie, spent a year on the taxi squad before winning the job from Jim McCann in training



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camp. Nolan will call on Spurrier, a former 49ers' punter, to handle strategic kicks. "We have a quick-kick formation," Nolan says, "and when we get down close and want to kick the ball out-of-bounds or let it die, Spurrier has a very good touch, a good feel for the ball." When the 49ers aren't close, Wittum will do what he does best. "He really hangs it up there," says Nolan.

NOTES—Nolan knew what he wanted in the draft: offsense and lots of it...Five of San Francisco's first six choices were devoted to moving the ball...Number three choice Keith Fahnhorst will be groomed to eventually replace Kwalick at tight end, and Nolan is enthused about wide receiver Clint Haslerig, a fourth choice from Michigan...Nolan also drafted a basketball player, Long Beach State's Leonard Gray, who will be tried at tight end...The 49ers have the league-leading punt returner, Bruce Taylor, who avergaed 13.8 yards under the *old* rules...The 49ers acquired Wilbur Jackson on a first-round pick they obtained from New England in a trade involving tight end Bob Windsor ...The schedulemaker was not kind to the 49ers, whose AFC opponents are Cincinnati, Cleveland, and cross-bay rival Oakland.

Stadium: **Candlestick Park (AstroTurf; 61,000)** Colors: **49ers Scarlet and Gold**

THE COACHING STAFF

Dick Nolan's six-year record with the 49ers is 43-27-5. A star defensive back with the New York Giants in the late 1950s, Nolan later became Tom Landry's defensive coach at Dallas, and now adapts Landry's "coordinated defense" plan to the 49ers. On offense, Nolan is assisted by Don Heinrich, quarterbacks and receivers; Dick Stanfel, offensive line; and Doug Scovil, running backs. His defensive aides are Paul Wiggin, the coordinator; Chet Franklin, defensive backs; Ed Beard, linebackers; and Rich Brooks, special teams. Chuck Krpata and Frank Egenhoff are the trainers, and the equipment manager is Chico Norton.

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Aug. 24	at Kansas City	8:00
Sept. 2	OAKLAND	6:00
Sept. 8	LOS ANGELES	1:00

REGULAR SEASON

Sept. 15	at New Orleans	1:00
Sept. 22	at Atlanta	1:00
Sept. 29	CINCINNATI	1:00
Oct. 6	ST. LOUIS	1:00
Oct. 14	at Detroit (Monday)	9:00
Oct. 20	at Los Angeles	1:00
Oct. 27	OAKLAND	1:00
Nov. 4	LOS ANGELES (Monday)	6:00
Nov. 10	at Dallas	1:00
Nov. 17	at Chicago	1:00
Nov. 24	ATLANTA	1:00
Dec. 1	at Cleveland	1:00
Dec. 8	GREEN BAY	1:00
Dec. 15	NEW ORLEANS	1:00

1974 49ERS VETERAN ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Exp.	College	Games in 1973
46	Abramowicz, Dan (1)	WR	6-1	195	29	8	Xavier	14
28	Atkins, Dave	RB	6-1	194	25	2	Texas-El Paso	5
79	Banaszek, Cas	T	6-3	256	28	7	Northwestern	9
77	Barrett, Jean	T-C	6-6	254	23	2	Tulsa	14
83	Beasley, Terry (2)	WR	5-10	182	24	2	Auburn	0
65	Beisler, Randy	G	6-5	244	29	9	Indiana	14
72	Belk, Bill	DE	6-4	242	28	7	Md.-Eastern Shore	13
81	Beverly, Ed	WR	5-11	168	24	2	Arizona State	2
75	Blue, Forrest	C	6-5	261	29	7	Auburn	14
42	Cunningham, Doug	RB	6-0	195	29	8	Mississippi	14
30	Gossett, Bruce	K	6-1	227	32	11	Richmond	14
43	Hall, Windlan	S	5-11	175	24	3	Arizona State	14
86	Hardman, Cedrick	DE	6-4	251	25	5	North Texas State	14
63	Hardy, Ed	G	6-4	242	23	2	Jackson State	3
59	Harper, Willie	LB	6-2	215	24	2	Nebraska	14
53	Hart, Tommy	DE	6-4	249	29	7	Morris Brown	14
80	Hindman, Stan (3)	DT	6-3	233	30	7	Mississippi	0
56	Hoskins, Bob	DT	6-3	251	29	5	Wichita	14
61	Hunt, Charlie	LB	6-2	212	23	2	Florida State	8
17	Isenbarger, John	WR	6-3	196	27	5	Indiana	14
33	Jackson, Randy	RB	6-0	220	25	3	Wichita	2
37	Johnson, Jimmy	CB	6-2	188	36	14	UCLA	13
70	Krueger, Charlie	DT	6-4	254	37	16	Texas A&M	14
78	Krueger, Rolf	DT	6-4	253	26	6	Texas A&M	14
82	Kwalick, Ted	TE	6-4	226	27	6	Penn State	14
49	McGill, Ralph	CB	5-11	186	24	3	Tulsa	14
57	Nunley, Frank	LB	6-2	229	28	8	Michigan	14
69	Peoples, Woody	G	6-2	250	31	7	Grambling	14
32	Phillips, Mel	S	6-2	191	32	9	North Carolina A&T	14
19	Reed, Joe	QB	6-1	192	26	3	Mississippi State	6
76	Rohde, Len	T	6-4	248	36	15	Utah State	14
35	Schreiber, Larry	RB	6-0	209	26	4	Tennessee Tech	4
58	Sniadecki, Jim	LB	6-2	228	27	6	Indiana	14
11	Spurrier, Steve	QB	6-2	200	29	8	Florida	11
44	Taylor, Bruce	CB	6-0	180	26	5	Boston U.	14
52	Vanderbundt, Skip	LB	6-3	224	27	6	Oregon State	9
18	Washington, Gene	WR	6-2	185	27	6	Stanford	13
22	Washington, Vic	RB	5-11	194	27	4	Wyoming	13
67	Watson, John	G-T	6-4	253	25	4	Oklahoma	14
64	Wilcox, Dave	LB	6-3	234	31	11	Oregon	14
40	Willard, Ken	RB	6-1	219	31	10	North Carolina	14
88	Witcher, Dick	TE	6-3	210	29	9	UCLA	14
13	Wittum, Tom	P-K	6-1	190	24	2	Northern Illinois	14

(1) Played 2 games with New Orleans; 12 with San Francisco, in 1973.
(2) Last active with San Francisco in 1972.
(3) Last active with San Francisco in 1971.

TOP DRAFT CHOICES

Round	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Exp.	College
1	Jackson, Wilbur	RB	6-2	206	22	R	Alabama
1a	Sandifer, Bill	DT	6-6	278	22	R	UCLA
2	Fahnhorst, Keith	TE-T	6-6	248	22	R	Minnesota
2a	Williams, Delvin	RB	6-1	197	23	R	Kansas
4	Haslerig, Clint	WR	6-0	189	22	R	Michigan

1973 LEADERS

Rushing (yards)	Vic Washington	534
Passing (percentage)	Steve Spurrier	52.9
Passing (yards)	John Brodie	1,126
Passing (touchdowns)	Steve Spurrier	4
Receiving (number)	Ted Kwalick	47
Receiving (yards)	Ted Kwalick	729
Interceptions (number)	Bruce Taylor	6
Punting (average)	Tom Wittum	43.7
Punt Returns (average)	Bruce Taylor	13.8
Kickoff Returns (average)	Vic Washington	22.9
Field Goals	Bruce Gossett	26
Touchdowns	Vic Washington	8
Points	Bruce Gossett	104

RECENT TRADES

Defensive back Mike Simpson to Baltimore for a draft choice.

Linebacker Dave Olerich to Chicago for a draft choice.

A corner of San Francisco defense is safe in Jim Johnson's hands.

The 5-9-0 Season of 1973

SEPT. 16 49ers led 13-6 in final quarter, but Yepremian field goals and Warfield touchdown turned tide. *Miami 21, San Francisco 13.*

SEPT. 23 Gossett kicked five field goals, including game-winning 39-yarder with 0:26 remaining. *San Francisco 36, Denver 34.*

SEPT. 30 Rams raced to 27-10 halftime lead and earned their sixth straight win over state rival. *Los Angeles 40, San Francisco 20.*

OCT. 7 McGill set up second-period touchdown with punt return and Gossett kicked two field goals. *San Francisco 13, Atlanta 9.*

OCT. 14 Two 49ers scoring threats were stopped in fourth quarter by Krause interceptions. *Minnesota 17, San Francisco 13.*

OCT. 21 Abramowicz turned on old teammates, catching touchdown from Brodie to ignite rout. *San Francisco 40, New Orleans 0.*

OCT. 28 Falcons QB Lee completed 11 of 13 passes, two for first-half touchdowns to Burrow. *Atlanta 17, San Francisco 3.*

NOV. 4 Brodie, returning to starting assignment in his farewell season, threw six interceptions. *Detroit 30, San Francisco 20.*

NOV. 11 Kilmer threw two touchdowns, Jurgensen one on only pass of game, to lead Redskins. *Washington 33, San Francisco 9.*

NOV. 18 Hadl passed to Jackson for three touchdowns, Rams won seventh in a row from 49ers. *Los Angeles 31, San Francisco 13.*

NOV. 26 Replacing injured Reed, Spurrier passed to Kwalick for game-deciding touchdown. *San Francisco 20, Green Bay 6.*

DEC. 2 Ignoring back spasms, Spurrier ran for two scores and passed to Washington for one. *San Francisco 38, Philadelphia 28.*

DEC. 9 Ex-49er Dunbar caught Manning scoring pass and McClard added deciding field goals. *New Orleans 16, San Francisco 10.*

DEC. 16 Behind Rowser's interception touchdown Steelers ruined Brodie retirement festivities. *Pittsburgh 37, San Francisco 14.*

49ERS RECORDS

SCORING

Most Points
- Lifetime – 737, Tommy Davis
- Season – 114, Gordy Soltau, 1953
- Game – 26, Gordy Soltau vs. Los Angeles, Oct. 28, 1951

Most Touchdowns
- Lifetime – 57, Joe Perry
- Season – 13, Joe Perry, 1953
- Game – 4, Bill Kilmer vs. Minnesota, Oct. 15, 1961

Most Points After Touchdown Made
- Lifetime – 347, Tommy Davis
- Season – 52, Tommy Davis, 1965
- Game – 9, Tommy Davis vs. Detroit, Oct. 1, 1961
  Tommy Davis vs. Chicago, Sept. 19, 1965

Most Field Goals Made
- Lifetime – 130, Tommy Davis
- Season – 26, Bruce Gossett, 1973
- Game – 5, Bruce Gossett vs. Denver, Sept. 23, 1973

Longest Field Goal
- 54, Bruce Gossett vs. New Orleans, Oct. 21, 1973

RUSHING

Most Attempts
- Lifetime – 1,475, Joe Perry
- Season – 258, J. D. Smith, 1962
- Game – 31, J. D. Smith vs. Baltimore, Oct. 7, 1962
  J. D. Smith vs. Chicago, Oct. 14, 1962

Most Yards Gained
- Lifetime – 7,344, Joe Perry
- Season – 1,049, Joe Perry, 1954
- Game – 174, Joe Perry vs. Detroit, Nov. 2, 1958

Most Games, 100 or More Yards
- Lifetime – 22, Joe Perry
- Season – 5, Joe Perry, 1953 and 1954

Longest Run From Scrimmage
- 89, Hugh McElhenny vs. Dallas Texans, touchdown, Oct. 5, 1952

PASSING

Most Passes Attempted
- Lifetime – 4,540, John Brodie
- Season – 427, John Brodie, 1966
- Game – 54, John Brodie vs. Chicago, Nov. 13, 1966

Most Passes Completed
- Lifetime – 2,468, John Brodie
- Season – 242, John Brodie, 1965
- Game – 31, Steve Spurrier vs. Minnesota, Oct. 14, 1973

Most Yards Gained
- Lifetime – 31,950, John Brodie
- Season – 3,112, John Brodie, 1965
- Game – 371, Y. A. Tittle vs. Baltimore, Dec. 13, 1953

Longest Pass Completion
- 83, John Brodie to Dave Parks vs. Los Angeles, touchdown, Nov. 8, 1964

Most Touchdown Passes
- Lifetime – 214, John Brodie
- Season – 30, John Brodie, 1965
- Game – 5, John Brodie vs. Minnesota, Nov. 23, 1965
  Steve Spurrier vs. Chicago, Nov. 19, 1972

PASS RECEPTIONS

Most Pass Receptions
- Lifetime – 407, Billy Wilson
- Season – 80, Dave Parks, 1965
- Game – 12, Bernie Casey vs. Chicago, Nov. 13, 1966

Most Yards Gained
- Lifetime – 5,802, Billy Wilson
- Season – 1,344, Dave Parks, 1965
- Game – 231, Dave Parks vs. Baltimore, Oct. 3, 1965

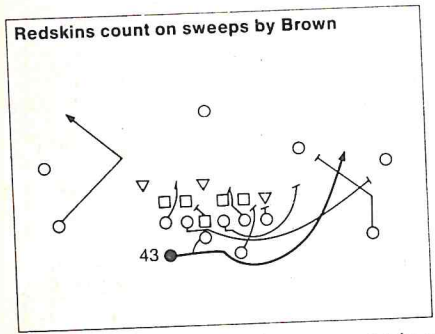
Most Touchdown Passes
- Lifetime – 49, Billy Wilson
- Season – 12, Dave Parks, 1965
  Gene Washington, 1972
- Game – 3, Gordy Soltau vs. Los Angeles, Oct. 28, 1951
  Bernie Casey vs. Minnesota, Dec. 2, 1962
  Dave Parks vs. Baltimore, Oct. 3, 1965
  Bernie Casey vs. Minnesota, Oct. 24, 1965
  Gene Washington vs. New Orleans, Dec. 13, 1970
  Gene Washington vs. San Diego, Sept. 17, 1972

INTERCEPTIONS

Most Interceptions By
- Lifetime – 41, Jimmy Johnson
- Season – 10, Dave Baker, 1960
- Game – 4, Dave Baker vs. Los Angeles, Dec. 4, 1960

Longest Return
- 94, Al Randolph vs. Chicago, touchdown, Dec. 11, 1966

WASHINGTON REDSKINS



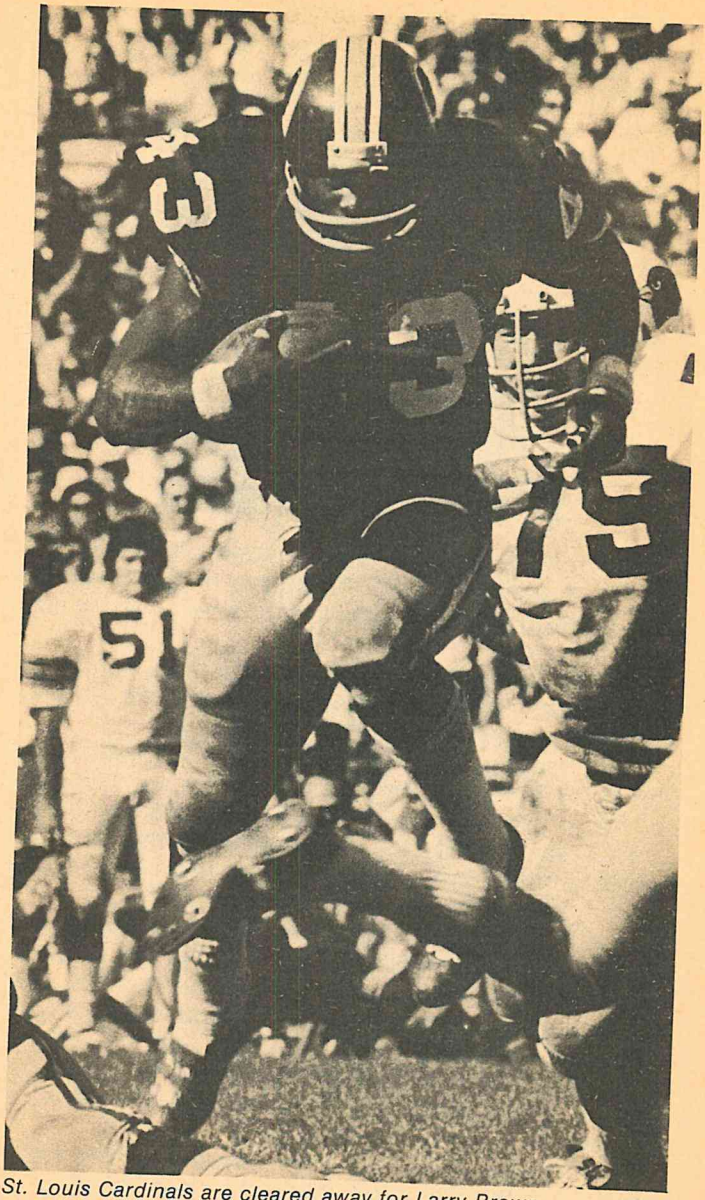
What do you do if one of your two quarterbacks is 40 years old and coming off a knee operation? If you're George Allen, you look into the future, and you acquire a quarterback, Joe Theismann.

Washington has been a contending team in each of Allen's three years as coach—largely because there was one topflight quarterback (Billy Kilmer) to take over when the other (Sonny Jurgensen) was hurt. Allen wants to maintain that kind of insurance so he sent his first round draft choice for 1976 to Miami for the rights to Theismann, a three-year veteran of the Canadian Football League.

Theismann completed 56 percent of his passes in Canada, and he can roll out and throw well on the run.

Quarterbacking has not been a Redskins' weak spot, however. A year ago, the Redskins' quarterbacks had to take up the slack of a faltering ground game. When Washington went to the Super Bowl two years ago it got there with a balanced attack, gaining just over 2,000 yards in both passing and rushing. Last season, the runners dropped to only 1,400 yards while the passing attack produced 2,560. This is not the way George wants it.

The key to whether the Redskins' ground game can come back lies in the mysterious person of Duane Thomas. Thomas was on the bench for all but 32 carries last season, and the experience may have been chastening. If Thomas can come back to his



St. Louis Cardinals are cleared away for Larry Brown.

Running Back Duane Thomas

Quarterback Bill Kilmer

Safety Ken Houston

Defensive End Ron McDole

Super Bowl level (with Dallas), then the Redskins' worries are over. He will be paired in the backfield with an equally remarkable runner who never falters, Larry Brown.

Allen's philosophy of football requires a solid running attack, so he can dictate a conservative game in which the other team makes the mistakes.

When strategy demands it, however, the Redskins can strike long and hard through the air. Their receivers—tight end Jerry Smith and wide receivers Charley Taylor and Roy Jefferson—are the equal of any set in the league. Taylor led the team with his 59 catches and Jefferson was not far behind.

A solid Washington offensive line allows all the rest to work well. Terry Hermeling and Walter Rock at tackles, Paul Laaveg and John Wilbur at guards, and Len Hauss at center are a good blend of youth and experience. Laaveg and Hermeling are the young members of the unit; both are entering their fifth season. The other three players total 29 years in the league.

The defense and the kicking teams are the real heart and soul of the Redskins. They contributed 48 points

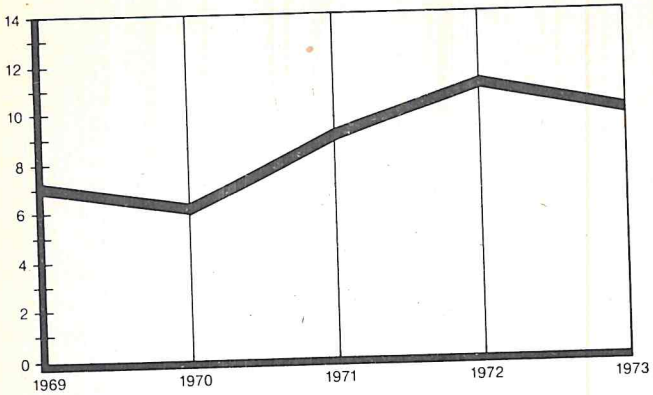
last year, and caused turnovers that led to another 104. Among other things, they blocked four punts, four field goals, and ran four pass interceptions all the way to the end zone.

The Redskins' defensive line is actually a "front five" with tackle Manny Sistrunk inserted in varied defenses. Ends Ron McDole and Verlon Biggs and tackles Diron Talbert and Bill Brundige are the main reasons why Washington permitted only 3.3 yards a rush and sacked the passer a league-leading 53 times.

Though they actually have a good bit of youth in the lineup, the Redskins got their "Over The Hill Gang" reputation from their linebackers. Myron Pottios, in his fourteenth year at middle linebacker, Dave Robinson, tenth, and Chris Hanburger, tenth, provide the sagacity Allen requires at the position. As a group they stole five passes last season, and made up the core of a defense that allowed opponents an average of only 14 points a game.

The happiest "old man" addition to Washington's defense last year was safety Ken Houston, who led the defensive backs in interceptions with six. Houston pairs nicely with Brig Owens at the other safety. Mike Bass and Pat Fischer are the cornerbacks.

NOTES—This figured to be a critical year for rugged little cornerback Pat Fischer, entering his fourteenth season, because the rule change against contact with a receiver must change his style. Fischer, 5-foot 9-inches, has made up for his height handicap by his aggressiveness—until now...The standouts of the specialty teams include kick returner Herb Mul-Key, Bob Brunet, Ted Vactor, Russ Tillman, Speedy Duncan, and Ken Stone. With the added opportunities of the punt return, Allen will concentrate more on-field time for this part of the game...The Redskins did not have a draft pick this year until 143 players had been selected. Their top choice, in the sixth round, was tight end Jon Keyworth of Colorado...Placekicker Curt Knight had an off-season in 1973, missing twice from inside the 30 and seven times inside the 40... Allen plans to have challengers for his job in training



Redskins Victories Last Five Years

camp...The Redskins' out-of-division schedule has three rugged opponents—Los Angeles, Miami, and Cincinnati...The Redskins' biggest off-season loss was fullback Charley Harraway, who quit the league. Allen traded for running back Larry Smith, a five-year veteran of the Rams, fill the gap...One of the kicking candidates is Mike Flater, a ninth-round draft choice from Colorado School of Mines. Flater kicked a 62-yard field goal in college...Washington coach George Allen has never lost an opening game in eight seasons of NFL coaching, five with the Rams and three with the Redskins. His team opens on the road this year, at Yale Bowl against the Giants...Larry Brown led the NFC in touchdowns last season with 14, one more than Donny Anderson of St. Louis and Harold Jackson of Los Angeles. Brown had eight scores rushing and six as a pass receiver...Herb Mul-Key was second in the conference in kickoff returns with a 28.1 average. He returned 36 kickoffs, nine more than anyone else, and one of them was a 97-yard touchdown, the longest in the NFC along with St. Louis's Don Shy's identical effort. Ironically, both were accomplished in the same game, back-to-back.

Stadium: **Robert F. Kennedy Stadium (Grass; 54,381)** Colors: **Burgundy and Gold**

THE COACHING STAFF

George Allen's future is always "now," as he says, and his record at Washington backs this up. He is .714 in three years with the Redskins, boosting his NFL record to 79-28-5 over eight seasons. Allen has added fulltime "conditioning coordinator" Jim Hilyer to his staff. Allen has Ted Marchibroda as his top offensive aide, with Bill Austin for the offensive line, Charlie Waller for running backs, Dick Bielski for receivers, and Joe Walton as offensive assistant. LaVern Torgeson is the defensive leader, with Ralph Hawkins for the defensive backs. Allen himself handles the linebackers. Paul Lanham handles the special teams. The Redskins' trainer is Joe Kuczo and Tommy McVean is the equipment manager.

1974 SCHEDULE

PRESEASON

Aug. 2	NEW ENGLAND	8:00
Aug. 9	HOUSTON	8:00
Aug. 18	BUFFALO	8:00
Aug. 24	at Cleveland	8:00
Aug. 30	PITTSBURGH	9:00
Sept. 6	BALTIMORE	8:00

REGULAR SEASON

Sept. 15	at New York Giants	1:00
Sept. 22	ST. LOUIS	1:00
Sept. 30	DENVER (Monday)	9:00
Oct. 6	at Cincinnati	1:00
Oct. 13	MIAMI	1:00
Oct. 20	NEW YORK GIANTS	1:00
Oct. 27	at St. Louis	1:00
Nov. 3	at Green Bay	1:00
Nov. 10	at Philadelphia	1:00
Nov. 17	DALLAS	4:00
Nov. 24	PHILADELPHIA	1:00
Nov. 28	at Dallas (Thanksgiving)	2:45
Dec. 9	at Los Angeles (Monday)	6:00
Dec. 15	CHICAGO	1:00

1974 REDSKINS VETERAN ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Exp.	College	Games in 1973
41	Bass, Mike	CB	6-0	190	29	7	Michigan	14
86	Biggs, Verlon	DE	6-4	275	31	10	Jackson State	14
4	Bragg, Mike	P	5-11	186	27	7	Richmond	14
43	Brown, Larry	RB	5-11	195	27	6	Kansas State	14
77	Brundige, Bill	DT	6-5	270	25	5	Colorado	14
26	Brunet, Bob	RB	6-1	205	28	6	Louisiana Tech	14
45	Duncan, Leslie	S	5-10	180	32	11	Jackson State	14
37	Fischer, Pat	CB	5-9	170	34	14	Nebraska	14
46	Grant, Frank	WR	5-11	181	24	2	South Colorado State	13
55	Hanburger, Chris	LB	6-2	218	33	10	North Carolina	14
84	Hancock, Mike	TE	6-4	220	24	2	Idaho State	10
31	Harraway, Charley	RB	6-2	215	29	9	San Jose State	14
56	Hauss, Len	C	6-2	235	32	11	Georgia	14
75	Hermeling, Terry	T	6-5	255	27	4	Nevada-Reno	13
85	Holman, Willie (1)	DE	6-4	254	29	7	South Carolina State	11
	Horton, Larry (2)	DE	6-5	255	24	2	Iowa	0
27	Houston, Ken	S	6-3	198	29	8	Prairie View	14
25	Hull, Mike	RB	6-3	220	28	7	USC	13
40	Hyatt, Freddie (3)	WR	6-3	210	28	7	Auburn	1
	Imhoff, Martin (4)	DE	6-6	256	24	2	San Diego State	0
48	Jaqua, Jon (5)	S	6-0	190	26	4	Lewis & Clark	0
80	Jefferson, Roy	WR	6-2	195	30	10	Utah	14
	Johnson, Cornelius (6)	G	6-2	245	30	7	Virginia Union	12
9	Jurgensen, Sonny	QB	6-0	203	40	18	Duke	14
17	Kilmer, Bill	QB	6-0	204	34	13	UCLA	10
5	Knight, Curt	K	6-2	190	31	6	Coast Guard	14
73	Laaveg, Paul	G	6-4	245	25	5	Iowa	14
24	Malinchak, Bill	WR	6-1	200	30	9	Indiana	14
79	McDole, Ron	DE	6-4	265	34	14	Nebraska	14
53	McLinton, Harold	LB	6-2	235	27	6	Southern U.	8
	Mooney, Ed (7)	LB	6-2	230	29	7	Texas Tech	13
	Moseley, Mark (8)	K	6-0	205	26	3	Austin State	0
28	Mul-Key, Herb	RB	6-0	190	24	3	None	14
23	Owens, Brig	S	5-11	190	31	9	Cincinnati	14
52	Pergine, John	LB	6-1	225	28	6	Notre Dame	14
66	Pottios, Myron	LB	6-2	232	35	14	Notre Dame	6
88	Reed, Alvin	TE	6-5	235	30	8	Prairie View	5
89	Robinson, Dave	LB	6-3	245	33	10	Penn State	14
76	Rock, Walter	T	6-5	255	32	12	Maryland	7
51	Ryczek, Dan	C	6-3	249	25	2	Virginia	14
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64	Sistrunk, Manuel	DT	6-5	265	27	5	Arkansas AM&N	12
87	Smith, Jerry	TE	6-3	208	31	10	Arizona State	13
	Smith, Larry (9)	RB	6-3	220	26	6	Florida	
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29	Vactor, Ted	CB	6-0	185	30	6	Nebraska	9
60	Wilbur, John	G	6-3	251	31	9	Stanford	14
38	Willis, Larry	S	5-11	171	25	2	Texas-El Paso	1
18	Wyche, Sam (14)	QB	6-4	218	29	7	Furman	0

(1) Played 6 games with Chi., 5 with Wash., 1973.
(2) Last active with Chicago in 1972.
(3) Played 1 game with New Orleans in 1973.
(4) Last active with St. Louis in 1972.
(5) Missed entire 1973 season, injury.
(6) Played 12 games with Baltimore in 1973.
(7) Played 12 games with Baltimore in 1973.
(8) Last active with Houston in 1972.
(9) Played 14 games with Los Angeles in 1973.
(10) Played 6 games with Buff., 4 with Wash., 1973.
(11) Played 14 games with San Diego in 1973.
(12) Played 8 games with Los Angeles in 1973.
(13) Missed entire 1973 season, injury.
(14) Active for 1 game in 1973, did not play.

TOP DRAFT CHOICES

Round	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Exp.	College
7	Varty, Mike	LB	6-1	220	22	R	Northwestern
8	Robinson, Darwin	RB	6-1	188	22	R	S. Dakota State
9	Sens, Mark	DE	6-5	265	22	R	Colorado
9a	Flater, Mike	K	5-10	164	24	R	Col. School of Mines
9b	Kennedy, Jim	TE	6-2	227	22	R	Colorado State

1973 LEADERS

Rushing (yards)	Larry Brown	860
Passing (percentage)	Sonny Jurgensen	60.0
Passing (yards)	Bill Kilmer	1,656
Passing (touchdowns)	Bill Kilmer	14
Receiving (number)	Charley Taylor	59
Receiving (yards)	Charley Taylor	801
Interceptions (number)	Ken Houston	6
Punting (average)	Mike Bragg	40.3
Punt Returns (average)	Les Duncan	8.1
Kickoff Returns (average)	Herb Mul-Key	28.1
Field Goals	Curt Knight	22
Touchdowns	Larry Brown	14
Points	Curt Knight	103

RECENT TRADES

First round draft choice in 1976 to Miami for rookie quarterback Joe Theismann.

Houston's fifth round choice in the 1974 and New England's sixth round choice in 1975, both held by Washington, and the Redskins' own fourth round choice in 1976 to San Diego for guard Walt Sweeney.

Twelfth round draft choice to Baltimore for linebacker Ed Mooney.
Running back George Nock and a seventeenth round draft choice to Baltimore for guard Cornelius Johnson and the Colts' seventeenth round choice in 1975.

Rookie tight end Jon Keyworth to Denver for two draft choices.

Baltimore's ninth round choice, held by the Redskins, to Los Angeles for wide receiver Joe Sweet.

Defensive end Jimmie Jones and draft choices to St. Louis for rookie guard Fred Sturt.

Second round draft choice in 1976 and second and fourth round draft choices in 1977 to San Diego for defensive back Bryant Salter.

Dave Robinson intercepts; Chris Hanburger (55), Brig Owens block.

The 10-4-0 Season of 1973

SEPT. 16 Defense-minded Redskins converted Garrett fumbles into early scores, commencing rout. *Washington 38, San Diego 0.*

SEPT. 23 In game featuring back-to-back 97-yard scoring kick-off returns, Redskins defense collapsed. *St. Louis 34, Washington 27.*

SEPT. 30 Making first start since '72 Achilles' tendon injury, Jurgensen passed for two touchdowns. *Washington 28, Philadelphia 7.*

OCT. 8 Owens intercepted Morton pass for winning touchdown; Houston stopped Garrison at game's end. *Washington 14, Dallas 7.*

OCT. 14 Redskins took lead in NFC East behind Brown's touchdowns, Fischer interception. *Washington 21, New York Giants 3.*

OCT. B1 Bass intercepted Hart pass for touchdown, marking sixth score by Redskins defense on season. *Washington 31, St. Louis 13.*

OCT. 28 New kicker McClard kicked four field goals, Manning passed for score in Saints upset. *New Orleans 19, Washington 3.*

NOV. 5 Wagner forced Brown fumble at end zone, depriving Redskins of winning touchdown at end. *Pittsburgh 21, Washington 16.*

NOV. 11 Kilmer threw for two touchdowns, Jurgensen one on his only pass attempt of game in rout. *Washington 33, San Francisco 9.*

NOV. 18 Hot-and-cold Knight kicked five field goals; Redskins beat Colts for first time since 1959. *Washington 22, Baltimore 14.*

NOV. 22 Kilmer threw for two scores, Knight added pair of field goals in traditional Thanksgiving game. *Washington 20, Detroit 0.*

DEC. 2 Jurgensen threw 11 consecutive completions, sparking last-period scoring drives. *Washington 27, New York Giants 24.*

DEC. 9 Redskins lost NFC East title to Cowboys; Hill scored twice and Fritsch kicked two field goals. *Dallas 27, Washington 7.*

DEC. 16 Securing wild-card playoff berth, Redskins rode four Kilmer scoring passes to victory. *Washington 38, Philadelphia 20.*

REDSKINS RECORDS

SCORING

Most Points
Lifetime – 474, Charley Taylor
Season – 114, Curt Knight, 1971
Game – 24, Dick James vs. Dallas, Dec. 17, 1961

Most Touchdowns
Lifetime – 79, Charley Taylor
Season – 15, Charley Taylor, 1966
Game – 4, Dick James vs. Dallas, Dec. 17, 1961

Most Points After Touchdown Made
Lifetime – 172, Curt Knight
Season – 40, Curt Knight, 1972
Game – 9, Charlie Gogolak vs. N.Y. Giants, Nov. 27, 1966

Most Field Goals Made
Lifetime – 101, Curt Knight
Season – 29, Curt Knight, 1971
Game – 5, Curt Knight vs. Houston, Oct. 10, 1971
Curt Knight vs. Chicago, Nov. 14, 1971
Curt Knight vs. Baltimore, Nov. 18, 1973

Longest Field Goal
52, John Aveni vs. Philadelphia, Oct. 29, 1961
Curt Knight vs. Los Angeles, Dec. 13, 1971

RUSHING

Most Attempts
Lifetime – 1,250, Larry Brown
Season – 285, Larry Brown, 1972
Game – 34, Cliff Battles vs. Philadelphia, Oct. 24, 1937

Most Yards Gained
Lifetime – 5,037, Larry Brown
Season – 1,216, Larry Brown, 1972
Game – 191, Larry Brown vs. N. Y. Giants, Oct. 29, 1972

Longest Run From Scrimmage
88, Billy Wells vs. Chi. Cardinals, Nov. 21, 1954

PASSING

Most Passes Attempted
Lifetime – 2,995, Sammy Baugh
Season – 508, Sonny Jurgensen, 1967
Game – 50, Sonny Jurgensen vs. Cleveland, Nov. 26, 1967
Sonny Jurgensen vs. Philadelphia, Dec. 3, 1967

Most Passes Completed
Lifetime – 1,724, Sonny Jurgensen
Season – 288, Sonny Jurgensen, 1967
Game – 32, Sonny Jurgensen vs. Cleveland, Nov. 26, 1967

Most Yards Gained
Lifetime – 21,886, Sammy Baugh
Season – 3,747, Sonny Jurgensen, 1967
Game – 446, Sammy Baugh vs. N. Y. Yankees, Oct. 31, 1948

Longest Pass Completion
99, Frank Filchock to Andy Farkas vs. Pittsburgh, Oct. 15, 1939
George Izo to Bobby Mitchell vs. Cleveland, Sept. 15, 1963
Sonny Jurgensen to Gerry Allen vs. Chicago, Sept. 15, 1968

Most Touchdown Passes
Lifetime – 186, Sammy Baugh
Season – 31, Sonny Jurgensen, 1967
Game – 6, Sammy Baugh vs. Chi. Cardinals, Nov. 23, 1947
Sammy Baugh vs. Brooklyn, Oct. 31, 1943

PASS RECEPTIONS

Most Pass Receptions
Lifetime – 528, Charley Taylor
Season – 72, Bobby Mitchell, 1962
Charley Taylor, 1966
Game – 11, Bobby Mitchell vs. Pittsburgh, Nov. 7, 1963
Charley Taylor vs. Dallas, Nov. 13, 1966

Most Yards Gained
Lifetime – 7,470, Charley Taylor
Season – 1,436, Bobby Mitchell, 1963
Game – 218, Bobby Mitchell vs. Pittsburgh, Nov. 7, 1963

Most Touchdown Passes
Lifetime – 68, Charley Taylor
Season – 12, Hugh (Bones) Taylor, 1952
Charley Taylor, 1966
Jerry Smith, 1967
Game – 3, Hugh (Bones) Taylor, 5 times

INTERCEPTIONS

Most Interceptions By
Lifetime – 31, Sammy Baugh
Season – 13, Don Sandifer, 1948
Game – 4, Sammy Baugh vs. Detroit, Nov. 14, 1943

Longest Return
93, Dick Poillon vs. Philadelphia, Nov. 21, 1948

MCDONEN

FOR THE RECORD

Len Dawson of Kansas City is football's highest-ranking passer.

LEADING ACTIVE PASSERS IN THE AFC

1,000 or more attempts

Ratings are based on performance standards established for completion percentage, interception percentage, touchdown percentage, and average gain. Passers are allocated points according to how their marks compare with those standards, and the points are then converted to a scale of 100.0.

Player, team	Comp. Pct.	Int. Pct.	TD Pct.	Avg. Gain	Rating
Len Dawson, Kansas City	56.6	4.9	6.7	7.74	83.4
John Unitas, San Diego	54.6	4.9	5.6	7.76	78.2
Earl Morrall, Miami	51.1	5.5	6.0	7.75	74.1
Daryle Lamonica, Oakland	49.6	5.2	6.3	7.38	73.5
Bob Griese, Miami	52.8	5.0	5.6	7.01	73.1
Joe Namath, New York Jets	50.2	5.4	4.8	7.69	69.5
Charley Johnson, Denver	51.1	5.3	5.1	7.13	69.3
George Blanda, Oakland	47.7	6.9	5.9	6.72	60.8
Jim Plunkett, New England	49.1	5.5	3.8	6.52	59.9
Terry Bradshaw, Pittsburgh	48.4	6.8	3.8	6.25	52.8

LEADING ACTIVE PASSERS IN THE NFC

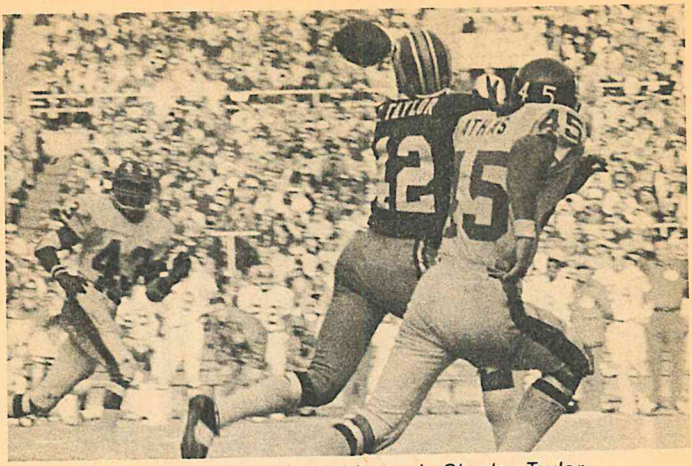
1,000 or more attempts

Sonny Jurgensen, Washington	56.8	4.5	6.0	7.58	82.3
Fran Tarkenton, Minnesota	55.3	4.2	5.6	7.47	80.5
Bob Berry, Minnesota	55.8	5.6	5.3	7.92	75.9
Roman Gabriel, Philadelphia	52.3	3.3	4.7	6.74	75.7
Craig Morton, Dallas	52.3	5.6	6.1	7.86	75.4
John Hadl, Los Angeles	50.3	5.7	5.7	7.43	70.2
Bill Kilmer, Washington	53.3	5.3	4.9	7.01	70.0
Bill Munson, Detroit	52.8	4.4	4.4	6.51	69.6
Greg Landry, Detroit	52.5	6.2	5.2	7.47	68.5
Norm Snead, New York Giants	51.7	5.9	4.6	7.13	65.6

TOP 10 PASSERS IN HISTORY

1,500 or more attempts

Len Dawson	56.6	4.9	6.7	7.74	83.4
Sonny Jurgensen	56.8	4.5	6.0	7.58	82.3
Fran Tarkenton	55.3	4.2	5.6	7.47	80.5
Bart Starr	57.4	4.4	4.8	7.85	80.3
John Unitas	54.6	4.9	5.6	7.76	78.2
Otto Graham	55.7	6.0	5.6	8.63	78.1
Frank Ryan	51.1	5.2	7.0	7.52	77.7
Roman Gabriel	52.3	3.3	4.7	6.74	75.7
Norm Van Brocklin	53.6	6.1	6.0	8.16	75.3
Sid Luckman	51.8	7.6	7.9	8.42	75.0



Still active, still dangerous—Washington's Charley Taylor.

LEADING ACTIVE RECEIVERS IN THE AFC

Player, team	Seasons	Number	Yards	Touchdowns
Fred Biletnikoff, Oakland	9	408	6,512	53
Otis Taylor, Kansas City	9	386	6,931	55
Paul Warfield, Miami	10	344	7,165	75
Gary Garrison, San Diego	8	334	6,252	50
Milt Morin, Cleveland	8	243	3,859	13
Dick Gordon, New England	9	241	3,579	36
Mike Garrett, San Diego	8	238	2,010	13
Bob Trumpy, Cincinnati	6	216	3,420	24
Jim Kiick, Miami	6	203	2,055	2
Leroy Kelly, Cleveland	10	190	2,281	13

LEADING ACTIVE RECEIVERS IN THE NFC

Don Maynard, Los Angeles	15	633	11,834	88
Charley Taylor, Washington	10	528	7,470	68
Carroll Dale, Chicago	14	438	8,277	52
Jackie Smith, St. Louis	11	434	7,188	34
Roy Jefferson, Washington	9	366	6,266	44
Bob Hayes, Dallas	9	358	7,177	70
Dan Abramowicz, San Francisco	7	344	5,317	38
Jerry Smith, Washington	9	338	4,470	52
Jack Snow, Los Angeles	9	312	5,529	41
Bill Brown, Minnesota	13	281	3,142	23

TOP 10 RECEIVERS IN HISTORY

Don Maynard	15	633	11,834	88
Raymond Berry	13	631	9,275	68
Lionel Taylor	10	567	7,195	45
Lance Alworth	11	542	10,266	85
Charley Taylor	10	528	7,470	68
Bobby Mitchell	11	521	7,954	65
Bill Howton	12	503	8,459	61
Tommy McDonald	12	495	8,410	84
Don Hutson	11	488	7,991	99
Art Powell	10	479	8,046	81

A Denver superstar in good times and bad—Floyd Little.

LEADING ACTIVE RUSHERS IN THE AFC

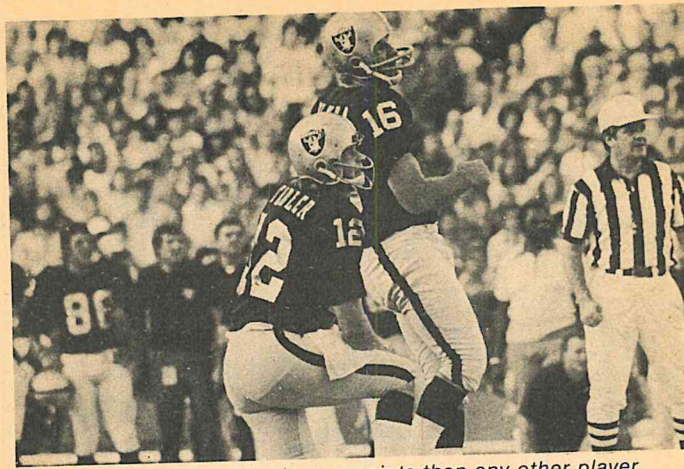
Player, team	Seasons	Attempts	Yards	Touchdowns
Leroy Kelly, Cleveland	10	1,727	7,274	74
Floyd Little, Denver	7	1,399	5,566	40
Mike Garrett, San Diego	8	1,308	5,481	35
Jim Nance, New York Jets	8	1,341	5,401	45
O.J. Simpson, Buffalo	5	1,108	5,181	30
Larry Csonka, Miami	6	1,089	5,151	32
Emerson Boozer, New York Jets	8	1,118	4,521	48
Wendell Hayes, Kansas City	10	931	3,552	26
Jim Kiick, Miami	6	911	3,370	27
Willie Ellison, Kansas City	7	764	3,312	22

LEADING ACTIVE RUSHERS IN THE NFC

Ken Willard, St. Louis	9	1,582	5,930	45
Bill Brown, Minnesota	13	1,630	5,797	52
Larry Brown, Washington	5	1,250	5,037	29
Donny Anderson, St. Louis	8	1,107	4,380	38
Calvin Hill, Dallas	5	981	4,165	32
Ron Johnson, New York Giants	5	990	3,738	31
Dave Osborn, Minnesota	9	1,010	3,712	24
Walt Garrison, Dallas	8	786	3,457	25
Fran Tarkenton, Minnesota	13	572	3,401	26
Les Josephson, Los Angeles	9	786	3,372	17

TOP 10 RUSHERS IN HISTORY

Jim Brown	9	2,359	12,312	106
Jim Taylor	10	1,941	8,597	83
Joe Perry	14	1,737	8,378	53
Leroy Kelly	10	1,727	7,274	74
John Henry Johnson	13	1,571	6,803	48
Don Perkins	8	1,500	6,217	42
Ken Willard	9	1,582	5,930	45
Steve Van Buren	8	1,320	5,860	61
Rick Casares	12	1,431	5,797	49
Bill Brown	13	1,630	5,797	52



George Blanda has kicked more points than any other player.

LEADING ACTIVE SCORERS IN THE AFC

Player, team	Seasons	TD	PAT	FG	Points
George Blanda, Oakland	24	9	855	311	1,842
Jim Turner, Denver	10	0	333	220	993
Jan Stenerud, Kansas City	7	0	233	179	770
Leroy Kelly, Cleveland	10	90	0	0	540
Garo Yepremian, Miami	6	0	178	114	520
Don Cockroft, Cleveland	6	0	211	101	514
Horst Muhlmann, Cincinnati	5	0	157	109	484
Roy Gerela, Pittsburgh	5	0	150	111	483
Bobby Howfield, New York Jets	6	0	185	92	461
Paul Warfield, Miami	10	76	0	0	456

LEADING ACTIVE SCORERS IN THE NFC

Fred Cox, Minnesota	11	0	384	230	1,074
Jim Bakken, St. Louis	12	0	369	212	1,005
Bruce Gossett, San Francisco	10	0	349	208	973
Pete Gogolak, New York Giants	10	0	323	163	812
Mike Clark, Dallas	10	0	325	133	724
Don Maynard, Los Angeles	15	88	4	0	532
Curt Knight, Washington	5	0	172	101	475
Charley Taylor, Washington	10	79	0	0	474
Errol Mann, Detroit	6	0	160	100	460
Bill Brown, Minnesota	13	76	0	0	456
Mac Percival, Chicago	7	0	159	99	456

TOP 10 SCORERS IN HISTORY

George Blanda	24	9	855	311	1,842
Lou Groza	17	1	641	234	1,349
Gino Cappelletti	11	42	350	176	*1,130
Fred Cox	11	0	384	230	1,074
Jim Bakken	12	0	369	212	1,005
Jim Turner	10	0	333	220	993
Sam Baker	15	2	428	179	977
Bruce Gossett	10	0	349	208	973
Lou Michaels	13	1	386	187	#955
Bobby Walston	12	46	365	80	881

**Includes four two-point plays*
#Includes a safety

Vikings' Paul Krause is interception champ among active players.

LEADING ACTIVE INTERCEPTORS IN THE AFC

Player, team	Seasons	Number	Yards	Touchdowns
Willie Brown, Oakland	11	41	393	2
Emmitt Thomas, Kansas City	8	35	574	3
Dick Anderson, Miami	6	32	757	3
Nick Buoniconti, Miami	12	30	283	0
Rick Volk, Baltimore	7	29	518	1
Bobby Bell, Kansas City	11	25	451	5
Nemiah Wilson, Oakland	9	24	451	3
Jim Kearney, Kansas City	9	23	462	5
Jimmy Warren, Oakland	10	23	458	3
Joe Beauchamp, San Diego	8	21	398	3

LEADING ACTIVE INTERCEPTORS IN THE NFC

Paul Krause, Minnesota	10	62	836	3
Pat Fischer, Washington	13	45	847	4
Kermit Alexander, Philadelphia	11	43	668	3
Lem Barney, Detroit	7	42	904	6
Mel Renfro, Dallas	10	42	499	3
Jimmy Johnson, San Francisco	13	41	548	2
Carl Lockhart, New York Giants	9	38	475	3
Willie Williams, New York Giants	9	35	462	0
Cornell Green, Dallas	12	32	550	2
Ken Houston, Washington	7	31	682	9

TOP 10 INTERCEPTORS IN HISTORY

Emlen Tunnell	14	79	1,282	4
Dick (Night Train) Lane	14	68	1,207	5
Paul Krause	10	62	836	3
Dick Le Beau	13	62	762	3
Bob Boyd	9	57	994	4
Johnny Robinson	12	57	741	1
Bob Dillon	8	52	976	5
Jack Butler	9	52	826	4
Larry Wilson	13	52	800	5
Jim Patton	12	52	712	2

1973 STANDINGS

American Conference

EASTERN DIVISION

	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP
Miami	12	2	0	.857	343	150
Buffalo	9	5	0	.643	259	230
New England	5	9	0	.357	258	300
Baltimore	4	10	0	.286	226	341
New York Jets	4	10	0	.286	240	306

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP
Cincinnati	10	4	0	.714	286	231
Pittsburgh*	10	4	0	.714	347	210
Cleveland	7	5	2	.571	234	255
Houston	1	13	0	.071	199	447

WESTERN DIVISION

	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP
Oakland	9	4	1	.679	292	175
Denver	7	5	2	.571	354	296
Kansas City	7	5	2	.571	231	192
San Diego	2	11	1	.179	188	386

National Conference

EASTERN DIVISION

	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP
Dallas	10	4	0	.714	382	203
Washington*	10	4	0	.714	325	198
Philadelphia	5	8	1	.393	310	393
St. Louis	4	9	1	.321	286	365
New York Giants	2	11	1	.179	226	362

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP
Minnesota	12	2	0	.857	296	168
Detroit	6	7	1	.464	271	247
Green Bay	5	7	2	.429	202	259
Chicago	3	11	0	.214	195	334

WESTERN DIVISION

	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP
Los Angeles	12	2	0	.857	388	178
Atlanta	9	5	0	.643	318	224
New Orleans	5	9	0	.357	163	312
San Francisco	5	9	0	.357	262	319

*Fourth qualifier for playoffs.

Postseason Results

Saturday, December 22
AFC divisional playoff: Oakland 33, Pittsburgh 14
NFC divisional playoff: Minnesota 27, Washington 20

Sunday, December 23
AFC divisional playoff: Miami 34, Cincinnati 16
NFC divisional playoff: Dallas 27, Los Angeles 16

Sunday, December 30
AFC championship game: Miami 27, Oakland 10
NFC championship game: Minnesota 27, Dallas 10

Sunday, January 13, 1974
Super Bowl VIII: Miami 24, Minnesota 7

Sunday, January 20
AFC-NFC Pro Bowl: American Conference 15, National Conference 13

1974 SCHEDULE

(All times local)

SUNDAY, SEPT. 15 (Week 1)
Baltimore at Pittsburgh 1:00
Dallas at Atlanta 4:00
Cleveland at Cincinnati 1:00
Detroit at Chicago 1:00
Los Angeles at Denver 2:00
Miami at New England 1:00
Minnesota at Green Bay 1:00
N.Y. Jets at Kansas City 3:00
Philadelphia at St. Louis 1:00
San Diego at Houston 1:00
San Francisco at New Orleans 1:00
Washington at N.Y. Giants 1:00

MONDAY, SEPT. 16
Oakland at Buffalo 9:00

SUNDAY, SEPT. 22 (Week 2)
Green Bay at Baltimore 2:00
Houston at Cleveland 1:00
Kansas City at Oakland 1:00
Miami at Buffalo 1:00
Minnesota at Detroit 1:00
New England at N.Y. Giants 1:00
New Orleans at Los Angeles 1:00
N.Y. Jets at Chicago 1:00
Pittsburgh at Denver 2:00
St. Louis at Washington 1:00
San Diego at Cincinnati 1:00
San Francisco at Atlanta 1:00

MONDAY, SEPT. 23
Dallas at Philadelphia 9:00

SUNDAY, SEPT. 29 (Week 3)
Atlanta at New Orleans 1:00
Baltimore at Philadelphia 1:00
Chicago at Minnesota 1:00
Cincinnati at San Francisco 1:00
Cleveland at St. Louis 1:00
Detroit vs. Green Bay (Mil.) 1:00
Kansas City at Houston 1:00
Los Angeles at New England 1:00
Miami at San Diego 1:00
N.Y. Giants at Dallas 1:00
N.Y. Jets at Buffalo 1:00
Oakland at Pittsburgh 4:00

MONDAY, SEPT. 30
Denver at Washington 9:00

SUNDAY, OCT. 6 (Week 4)
Atlanta at N.Y. Giants 1:00
Baltimore at New England 1:00
Buffalo at Green Bay 1:00
Denver at Kansas City 3:00
Detroit at Los Angeles 1:00
Minnesota at Dallas 3:00
New Orleans at Chicago 1:00
Oakland at Cleveland 1:00
Philadelphia at San Diego 1:00
Pittsburgh at Houston 1:00
St. Louis at San Francisco 1:00
Washington at Cincinnati 1:00

MONDAY, OCT. 7
N.Y. Jets at Miami 9:00

SUNDAY, OCT. 13 (Week 5)
Buffalo at Baltimore 2:00
Chicago at Atlanta 1:00
Cincinnati at Cleveland 1:00
Dallas at St. Louis 1:00
Houston at Minnesota 1:00
Los Angeles vs. Green Bay (Mil.) 3:00
Miami at Washington 1:00
New England at N.Y. Jets 1:00
New Orleans at Denver 2:00
N.Y. Giants at Philadelphia 1:00
Pittsburgh at Kansas City 1:00
San Diego at Oakland 1:00

MONDAY, OCT. 14
San Francisco at Detroit 9:00

SUNDAY, OCT. 20 (Week 6)
Baltimore at N.Y. Jets 1:00
Cincinnati at Oakland 1:00
Cleveland at Pittsburgh 1:00
Detroit at Minnesota 1:00
Kansas City at Miami 4:00
New England at Buffalo 1:00
New Orleans at Atlanta 1:00
N.Y. Giants at Washington 1:00
Philadelphia at Dallas 1:00
St. Louis at Houston 1:00
San Diego at Denver 2:00
San Francisco at Los Angeles 1:00

MONDAY, OCT. 21
Green Bay at Chicago 8:00

SUNDAY, OCT. 27 (Week 7)
Baltimore at Miami 1:00
Chicago at Buffalo 1:00
Dallas at N.Y. Giants 1:00
Denver at Cleveland 1:00
Green Bay at Detroit 1:00
Houston at Cincinnati 1:00
Kansas City at San Diego 1:00
Los Angeles at N.Y. Jets 1:00
New England at Minnesota 1:00
Oakland at San Francisco 1:00
Philadelphia at New Orleans 1:00
Washington at St. Louis 1:00

MONDAY, OCT. 28
Atlanta at Pittsburgh 9:00

SUNDAY, NOV. 3 (Week 8)
Atlanta at Miami 4:00
Buffalo at New England 1:00
Cincinnati at Baltimore 2:00
Cleveland at San Diego 1:00
Houston at N.Y. Jets 1:00
Minnesota at Chicago 1:00
New Orleans at Detroit 1:00
N.Y. Giants at Kansas City 3:00
Oakland at Denver 2:00
Philadelphia at Pittsburgh 1:00
St. Louis at Dallas 1:00
Washington at Green Bay 1:00

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4
Los Angeles at San Francisco 6:00

SUNDAY, NOV. 10 (Week 9)
Atlanta at Los Angeles 1:00
Chicago vs. Green Bay (Mil.) 1:00
Cleveland at New England 1:00
Denver at Baltimore 2:00
Detroit at Oakland 1:00
Houston at Buffalo 1:00
Miami at New Orleans 1:00
N.Y. Jets at N.Y. Giants 1:00
Pittsburgh at Cincinnati 4:00
San Diego at Kansas City 1:00
San Francisco at Dallas 1:00
Washington at Philadelphia 1:00

MONDAY, NOV. 11
Minnesota at St. Louis 8:00

SUNDAY, NOV. 17 (Week 10)
Baltimore at Atlanta 1:00
Buffalo at Miami 1:00
Cincinnati at Houston 1:00
Dallas at Washington 4:00
Green Bay at Minnesota 1:00
Los Angeles at New Orleans 1:00
N.Y. Giants at Detroit 1:00
N.Y. Jets at New England 1:00
Oakland at San Diego 1:00
Pittsburgh at Cleveland 1:00
St. Louis at Philadelphia 1:00
San Francisco at Chicago 1:00

MONDAY, NOV. 18
Kansas City at Denver 7:00

SUNDAY, NOV. 24 (Week 11)
Atlanta at San Francisco 1:00
Buffalo at Cleveland 1:00
Chicago at Detroit 1:00
Dallas at Houston 1:00
Denver at Oakland 1:00
Kansas City at Cincinnati 1:00
Miami at N.Y. Jets 1:00
Minnesota at Los Angeles 1:00
New England at Baltimore 2:00
Philadelphia at Washington 1:00
St. Louis at N.Y. Giants 1:00
San Diego at Green Bay 1:00

MONDAY, NOV. 25
Pittsburgh at New Orleans 8:00

THURSDAY, NOV. 28 (Week 12) (Thanksgiving)
Denver at Detroit 12:30
Washington at Dallas 2:45

SUNDAY, DEC. 1
Baltimore at Buffalo 1:00
Green Bay at Philadelphia 1:00
Houston at Pittsburgh 1:00
Kansas City at St. Louis 1:00
Los Angeles at Atlanta 4:00
New England at Oakland 1:00
New Orleans at Minnesota 1:00
N.Y. Giants at Chicago 1:00
San Diego at N.Y. Jets 1:00
San Francisco at Cleveland 1:00

MONDAY, DEC. 2
Cincinnati at Miami 9:00

SATURDAY, DEC. 7 (Week 13)
Atlanta at Minnesota 12:00
Cleveland at Dallas 3:00

SUNDAY, DEC. 8
Buffalo at N.Y. Jets 1:00
Chicago at San Diego 1:00
Detroit at Cincinnati 1:00
Green Bay at San Francisco 1:00
Houston at Denver 2:00
Miami at Baltimore 2:00
Oakland at Kansas City 3:00
Philadelphia at N.Y. Giants 1:00
Pittsburgh at New England 1:00
St. Louis at New Orleans 1:00

MONDAY, DEC. 9
Washington at Los Angeles 6:00

SATURDAY, DEC. 14 (Week 14)

Cincinnati at Pittsburgh....1:00
Minnesota at Kansas City....2:45
Dallas at Oakland....6:00

SUNDAY, DEC. 15

Buffalo at Los Angeles....1:00
Chicago at Washington....1:00
Cleveland at Houston....1:00
Denver at San Diego....1:00
Detroit at Philadelphia....1:00
Green Bay at Atlanta....1:00
New England at Miami....1:00
New Orleans at San Francisco....1:00
N.Y. Giants at St. Louis....1:00
N.Y. Jets at Baltimore....2:00

POSTSEASON GAMES

Saturday, Dec. 21—AFC and NFC Divisional Playoffs
Sunday, Dec. 22—AFC and NFC Divisional Playoffs
Sunday, Dec. 29
—AFC Championship Game
—NFC Championship Game
Sunday, Jan. 12, 1975—Super Bowl IX at New Orleans
Monday, Jan. 20, 1975—AFC-NFC Pro Bowl at Miami

MONDAY NIGHT GAMES

Sept. 16 — Oakland at Buffalo....9:00
Sept. 23 — Dallas at Philadelphia....9:00
Sept. 30 — Denver at Washington....9:00
Oct. 7 — New York Jets at Miami....9:00
Oct. 14 — San Francisco at Detroit....9:00
Oct. 21 — Green Bay at Chicago....8:00
Oct. 28 — Atlanta at Pittsburgh....9:00
Nov. 4 — Los Angeles at San Francisco....6:00
Nov. 11 — Minnesota at St. Louis....8:00
Nov. 18 — Kansas City at Denver....7:00
Nov. 25 — Pittsburgh at New Orleans....8:00
Dec. 2 — Cincinnati at Miami....9:00
Dec. 9 — Washington at Los Angeles....6:00

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